

Efficient and Highly Aldehyde Selective Wacker Oxidation

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Supporting Information

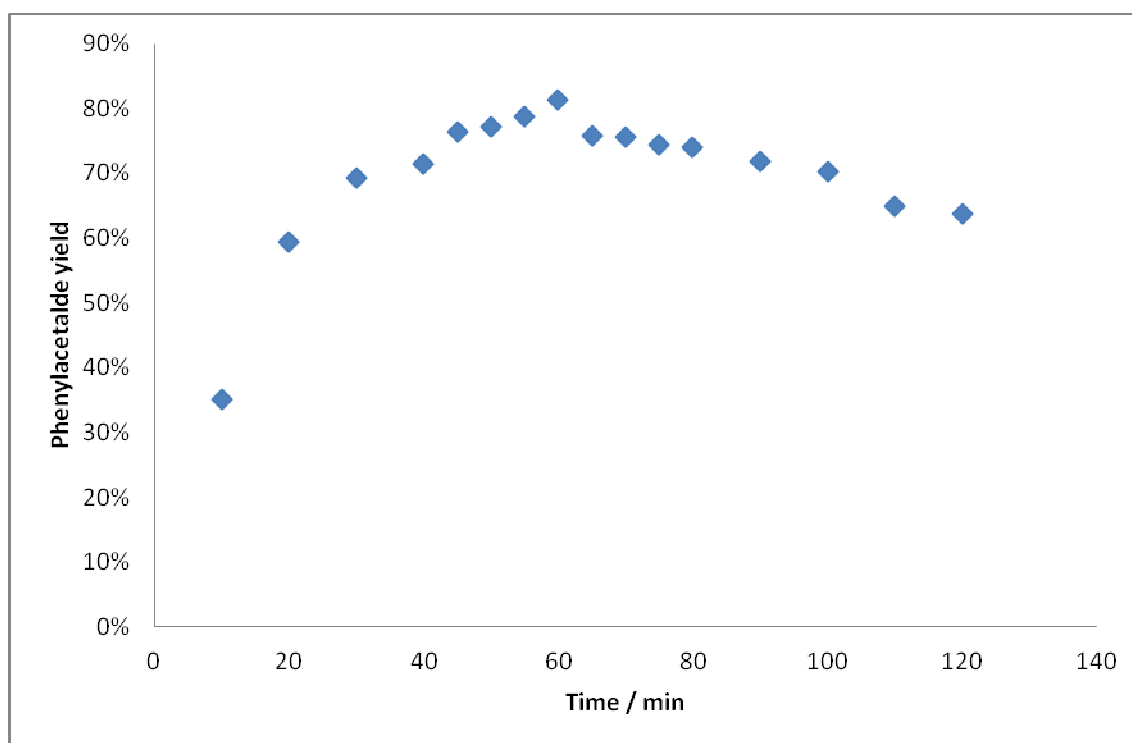


Fig. 1 Phenylacetaldehyde yield as a function of reaction time for styrene Wacker on 0.6 mmol scale.

General procedure:

All olefin oxidation reactions were carried out under aerobic conditions. $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{MeCN})_2$, **1**, was prepared following literature procedures.¹ Commercial *p*-benzoquinone from Aldrich was recrystallized from *i*-PrOH prior to usage. All liquid olefins were filtered through a plug of basic alumina prior to usage. Methyl-4-vinylbenzoate was filtered through a plug of neutral alumina. 2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazine solution was prepared following literature procedures.²

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 500 MHz spectrometer and High resolution mass spectra were provided by the California Institute of Technology Mass Spectrometry Facility using JEOL JMS-600H High Resolution Mass Spectrometer.

Gas chromatography data was obtained using an Agilent 6850 FID gas chromatography system equipped with a HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). Instrument conditions-inlet temperature: 250 °C; detector temperature: 250 °C; hydrogen flow: 30 ml/min; air flow: 400 ml/min.; constant col + makeup flow: 25 ml/min. Method: 50°C for 2 min., followed by a temperature increase of 10 °C/min. to 115°C, hold for 0.5 min., another temperature increase of 1°C/min. to 125 °C, hold for 0.5 min., then a temperature increase of 5 °C/min. to 140 °C, hold 0.5 min. and a final temperature increase of 60 °C/min. to 300 °C and hold at 300 °C for 5 min. (total run time = 30.67 min.). Response factors were collected for styrene (**1**), 2-phenylacetaldehyde (**1a**) and acetophenone (**1b**) following literature procedures.³

GC sample preparation: Tridecane (0.00123 mmol, 3 µl) was added to the reaction mixture as an internal standard. The mixture was then diluted with diethyl ether (2 ml) and *ca.* 0.5 ml of the resultant mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel followed by flushing with ethyl acetate

(*ca.* 1 ml). GC retention times (min) were as follows: styrene **1** (5.80), phenylacetaldehyde **1a** (8.37), acetophenone **1b** (8.75), 1-octene **12** (4.12) and tridecane (14.35).

Typical procedure for substrates 1-11

t-BuOH is preheated to 85°C before being added (4.8 ml) to **1** (3.9 mg, 15 µmol) and *p*-benzoquinone (74.7 mg, 0.69 mmol) in a 20 ml glass vial. H₂O (12.2 µL, 0.6 mmol) and olefin (0.6 mmol) are then added and the mixture stirred for 60 min at 85°C.

Typical procedure for isolation of aldehydes 1a-11a and ketones 1b-11b

All reaction mixtures were removed from heating and flash frozen at -78°C (dry ice/EtOH bath) immediately after reaction and warmed to 30°C after the mixture was completely frozen. A solution of 2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (1.2 eq.) was added to the mixture at 30°C and the mixture stirred for 1 h at room temperature. H₂O (*ca.* 10 ml) is added to the mixture, stirred for 1 min. and filtered. The residue is washed with cold H₂O (*ca.* 20 ml). The filtrate and aqueous washing is then combined and extracted with methylene chloride five times. The residue is re-dissolved in the organic extract and the solution dried over Na₂SO₄, followed by removal of solvent under reduced pressure. A crude ¹H NMR is taken with the solid product to determine the ratio of aldehyde to ketone. The material is purified using silica gel chromatography with 3% ethyl acetate in hexanes to obtain the aldehyde hydrazone (**c**) and ketone hydrazone (**d**) respectively. Aldehydes **1c-11c** exists as a mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers and the isolated yield reported is for the combined yield of both isomers. The *E* and *Z* isomers of **9c** have been isolated separately and the ¹H NMR of each isomer has been taken (*vide infra*) to prove the presence of

both isomers in the pure isolated **c** in each of **1c** to **11c**. Only NMR data for the major isomer is provided.

NMR data for aldehyde hydrazones **1c**, **2c**, **4c**, **9c** and ketone hydrazone **1d** matched that reported in literature⁴⁻¹⁵.

2-methylphenylacetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **3c**, orange solid, yield: 90%. ¹H NMR: δ 11.04 (s, 1H, NH), 9.12 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.32 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.6 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.55 (td, 1H, J 0.5, 5.5 Hz, HC=N), 7.23-7.19 (m, 4H), 3.76 (d, 2H, J 5.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR: δ 150.0, 145.3, 138.2, 136.9, 133.9, 131.0, 130.3, 129.8, 129.2, 127.8, 126.7, 123.7, 116.7, 37.0, 19.8. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 315.1093, found: 315.1108.

4-nitrophenylacetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **5c**, orange solid, yield: 96%. ¹H NMR: δ 11.13 (s, 1H), 9.13 (d, 1H, J 2.6 Hz), 8.34 (ddd, 1H, J 0.74, 2.6, 9.5 Hz), 8.24 (d, 2H, J 8.7 Hz), 7.91 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.62 (td, 1H, J 0.8, 5.6 Hz), 7.45 (m, 2H), 3.88 (d, 2H, J 5.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR: δ 146.0, 143.9, 142.0, 129.1, 128.9, 126.9, 123.1, 122.4, 115.4, 115.1, 113.6, 37.7. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 346.0788, found: 346.0781.

3-nitrophenylacetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **6c**, yellow solid, yield: 96%. ¹H NMR: δ 11.13 (s, 1H, NH), 9.13 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.34 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.6 Hz), 8.19-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57 (td, 1H, J 0.5, 7.0 Hz, HC=N), 3.89 (d, 2H, J 5.5 Hz, CH₂). ¹³C NMR: δ 148.8, 148.0, 145.1, 138.6, 137.8, 135.4, 130.4, 130.1, 129.5, 124.2, 123.6, 122.7, 116.7, 38.7. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 346.0788, found: 346.0793.

4-fluorophenylacetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **7c**, light orange solid, yield: 74%. ^1H NMR: δ 11.06 (s, 1H, NH), 9.13 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.33 (ddd, 1H, J 1.0, 2.5, 9.6 Hz), 7.65 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.57 (td, 1H, J 0.5, 6.0 Hz, HC=N), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.74 (d, 2H, J 6.0 Hz, CH₂). ^{13}C NMR: δ 163.3, 150.0, 145.3, 138.3, 131.2, 130.8, 130.3, 123.7, 116.7, 116.2, 116.0, 38.4. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 319.0842, found: 319.0851.

4-chlorophenylacetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **8c**, light orange solid, yield: 92%. ^1H NMR: δ 11.07 (s, 1H, NH), 9.13 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.33 (dd, 1H, J 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 7.95 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.57 (td, 1H, J 0.5, 6.0 Hz, HC=N), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 3.74 (d, 2H, J 6.0 Hz, CH₂). ^{13}C NMR: δ 149.6, 145.2, 134.0, 133.5, 130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 123.7, 116.7, 38.6. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 335.0547, found: 335.0541.

4-bromophenylacetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **9c**, light orange solid, yield: 90%. ^1H NMR: major isomer: δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 9.12 (d, 1H, J 3 Hz), 8.33 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.57 (td, 1H, J 0.5, 5.8 Hz), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 3.72 (d, 2H, J 6 Hz), 2.38 (s, 3H); minor isomer: δ 11.34 (s), 9.16 (d, J 2.5 Hz), 8.38 (ddd, J 0.5, 2.5, 8.4 Hz), 8.09 (d, J 9.5 Hz), 7.62 (dt, J 1.5, 12.5 Hz), 7.44-7.41 (m), 7.14-7.08 (m), 3.67 (d, J 2 Hz).

Methyl 4-(2-oxoethyl)benzoate-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **10c**, orange solid, yield: 59%. ^1H NMR: δ 11.09 (s, 1H, NH), 9.12 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.33 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.6 Hz), 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.61 (td, 1H, J 0.5, 5.5 Hz, HC=N), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.82 (d, 2H, J 5.5 Hz, CH₂). ^{13}C NMR: δ 166.9, 149.2, 145.2, 140.9, 138.4, 130.7,

130.4, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 123.6, 116.8, 52.4, 39.2. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 359.0992, found: 359.0980.

2-(3, 5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetaldehyde-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **11c**, yellow solid, 72%. ^1H NMR: δ 11.15 (s, 1H, NH), 9.13 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.34 (dd, 1H, J 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 7.89 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.64 (t, 1H, J 5.5 Hz, HC=N), 3.92 (d, J 5.5 Hz, CH_2). ^{13}C NMR: δ 147.3, 145.1, 138.2, 132.6, 132.3, 130.4, 129.6, 124.4, 123.6, 122.3, 121.6, 116.7, 38.7. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 437.0684, found: 437.0706.

4-methylacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **2d**, red solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.36 (s, 1H, NH), 9.17 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.36 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.75 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH_3). ^{13}C NMR: δ 152.7, 145.2, 140.7, 138.3, 134.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6, 126.7, 123.8, 117.0, 21.6, 13.9. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 315.1093, found: 315.1087.

2-methylacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **3d**, light orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.29 (s, 1H, NH), 9.17 (d, 1H, J 3.0 Hz), 8.32 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 8.01 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.37-7.28 (m, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH_3). ^{13}C NMR: δ 157.7, 155.2, 148.6, 145.3, 144.9, 138.7, 138.4, 137.8, 135.9, 134.2, 131.6, 131.5, 130.38, 130.35, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.5, 126.3, 126.2, 123.7, 116.9, 116.7, 116.5, 24.9, 21.2, 19.2, 17.8. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 315.1093, found: 315.1104. *cis* and *trans* isomers for **3d** exists in 3:1 mixture resulting in complicated ^{13}C NMR.

4-*tert*-butylacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **4d**, light orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.36 (s, 1H, NH), 9.17 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.36 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, 9.5 Hz), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). ^{13}C NMR: δ 153.9, 152.7, 145.2, 138.3, 134.7, 130.3, 129.8, 126.5, 125.9, 123.8, 117.0, 35.1, 31.4, 13.9. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 357.1563, found: 357.1565.

4-nitroacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **5d**, intense orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.45 (s, 1H, NH), 9.20 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.43 (dd, 1H, J 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 8.33-8.30 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H, CH₃). ^{13}C NMR: δ 149.5, 148.6, 144.8, 143.3, 139.3, 130.6, 130.5, 127.4, 124.2, 123.6, 117.0, 13.9. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 346.0788, found: 346.0793.

3-nitroacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **6d**, intense orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.45 (s, 1H, NH), 9.20 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.43 (dd, 1H, J 2.5, 9.5 Hz), 8.33-8.30 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H, CH₃). ^{13}C NMR: δ 149.5, 148.9, 144.9, 139.2, 139.1, 132.2, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 124.6, 123.7, 121.6, 117.0, 13.9. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 346.0788, found: 346.0777.

4-fluoroacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **7d**, intense orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.43 (s, 1H, NH), 9.19 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.70 (t, J 2 Hz), 8.44 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.25 Hz), 8.31 (ddd, 1H, J 1.0, 2.5, 8.25 Hz), 8.21 (ddd, 1H, J 1.0, 2.0, 7.75), 8.15 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.66 (t, 1H, J 8.0 Hz), 2.53 (s, 3H, CH₃). ^{13}C NMR: δ 165.2, 151.4, 145.2, 138.5, 133.6, 130.4, 128.7, 123.8, 116.9, 116.1, 115.9, 14.0. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 319.0842, found: 319.0843.

4-chloroacetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **8d**, intense orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.37 (s, 1H, NH), 9.18 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.38 (dd, 1H, J 2.0, 9.5 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, J 9.5 Hz), 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH_3). ^{13}C NMR: δ 151.2, 145.1, 138.6, 136.5, 135.9, 130.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.0, 123.7, 116.9, 13.8. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 335.0547, found: 335.0560.

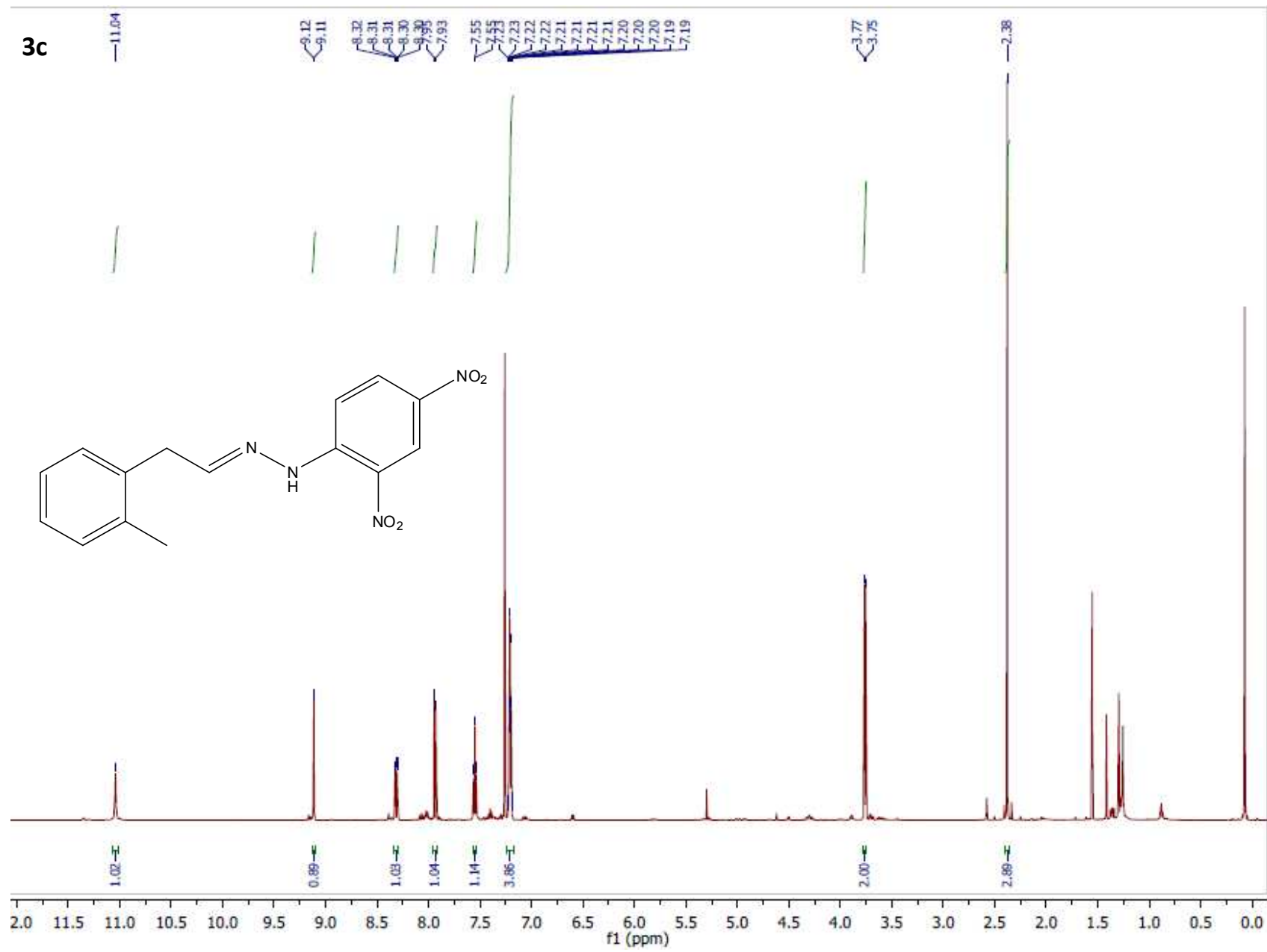
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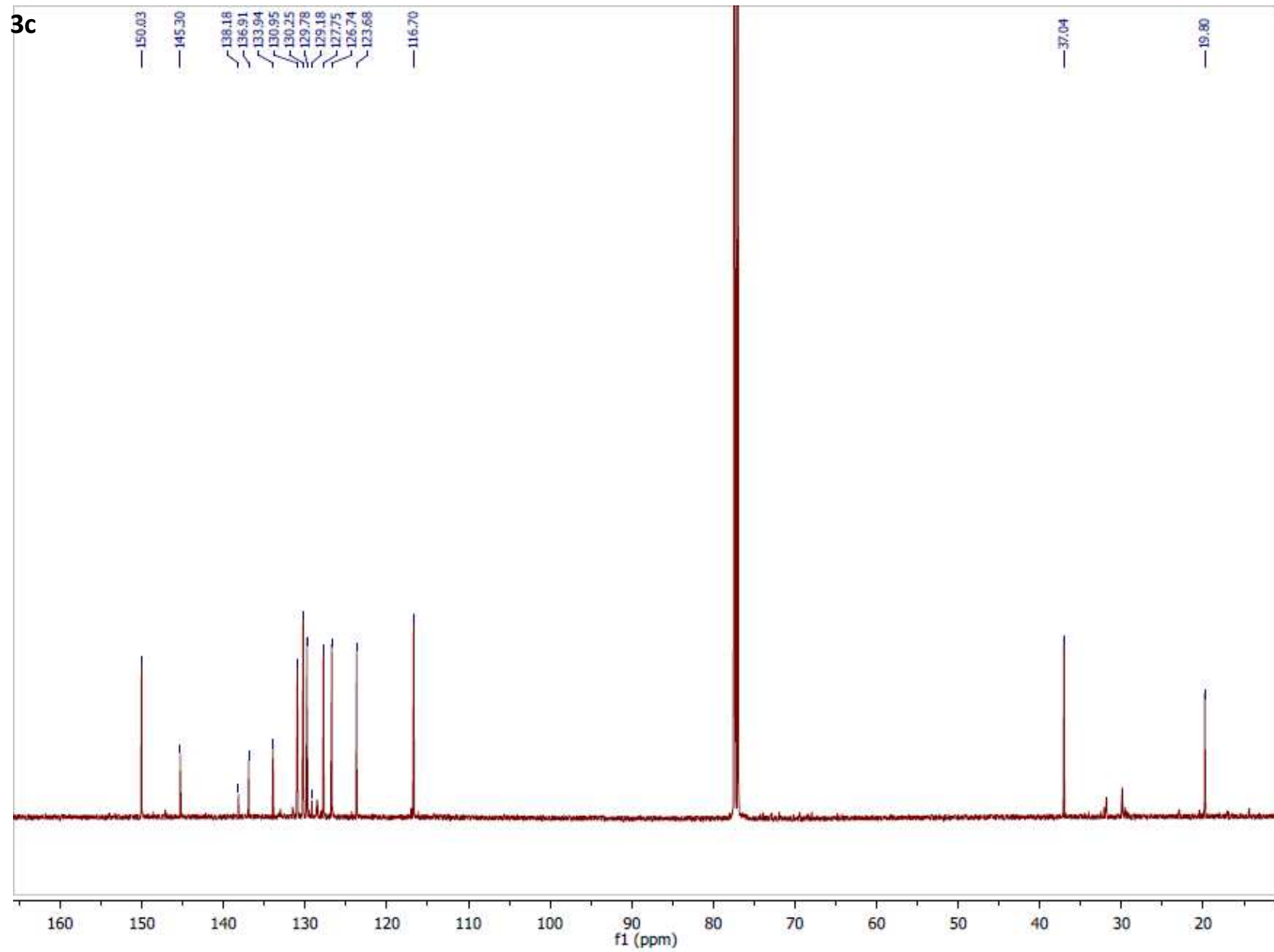
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3, 5-bis(trifluoromethyl)acetophenone-2, 4-dinitrophenylhydrazone, **11d**, light orange solid. ^1H NMR: δ 11.44 (s, 1H, NH), 9.20 (d, 1H, J 2.5 Hz), 8.46 (ddd, 1H, J 0.5, 2.5, 9.6 Hz), 8.27 (s, 2H), 8.12 (d, J 9.5 Hz), 7.95(s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H, CH_3). ^{13}C NMR: δ 148.7, 144.8, 139.6, 139.3, 132.6, 132.4, 130.7, 126.5, 124.4, 123.6, 122.2, 117.0, 13.9. HR-MS (FAB): calc: 437.0684, found: 437.0684.

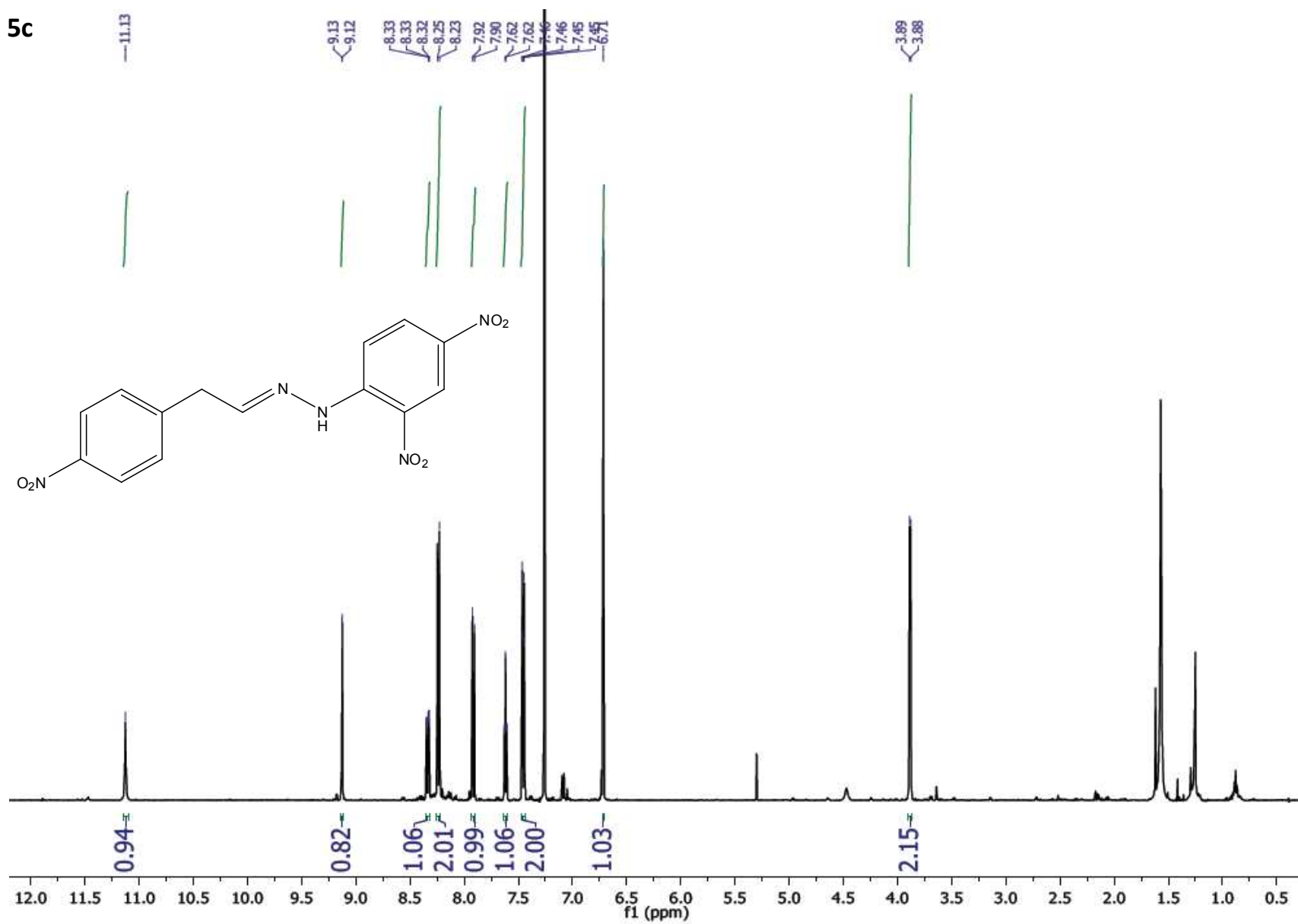
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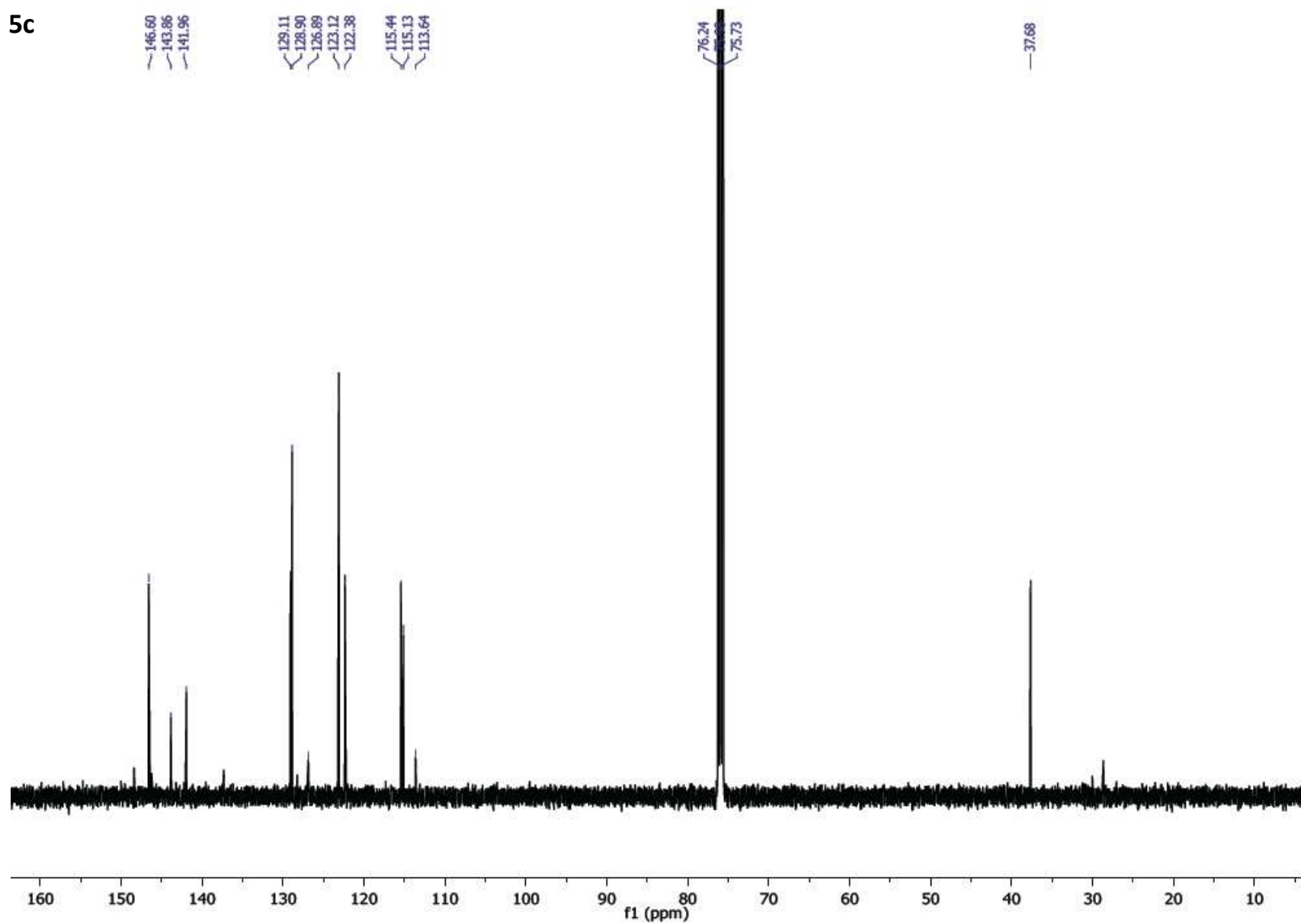




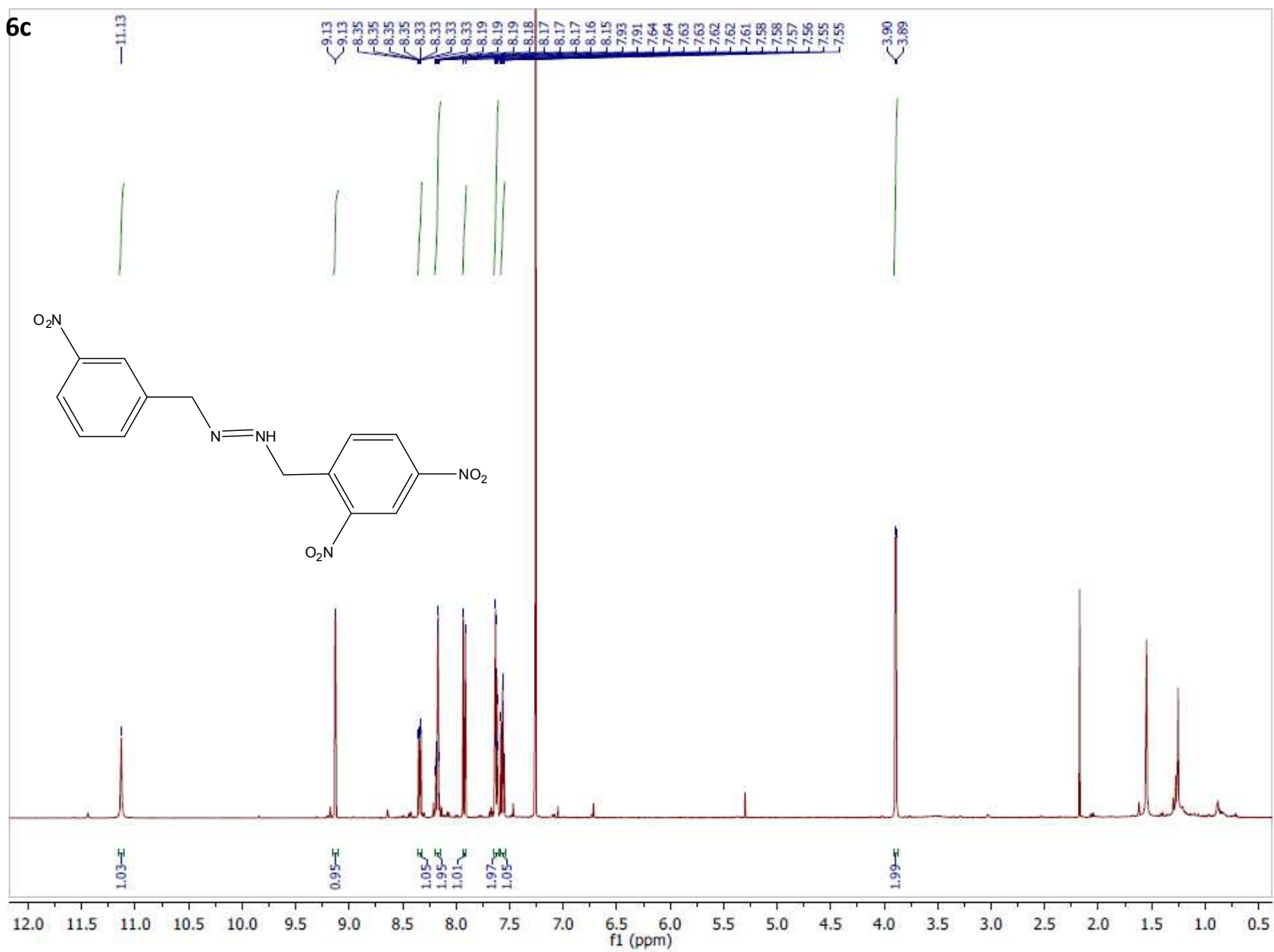
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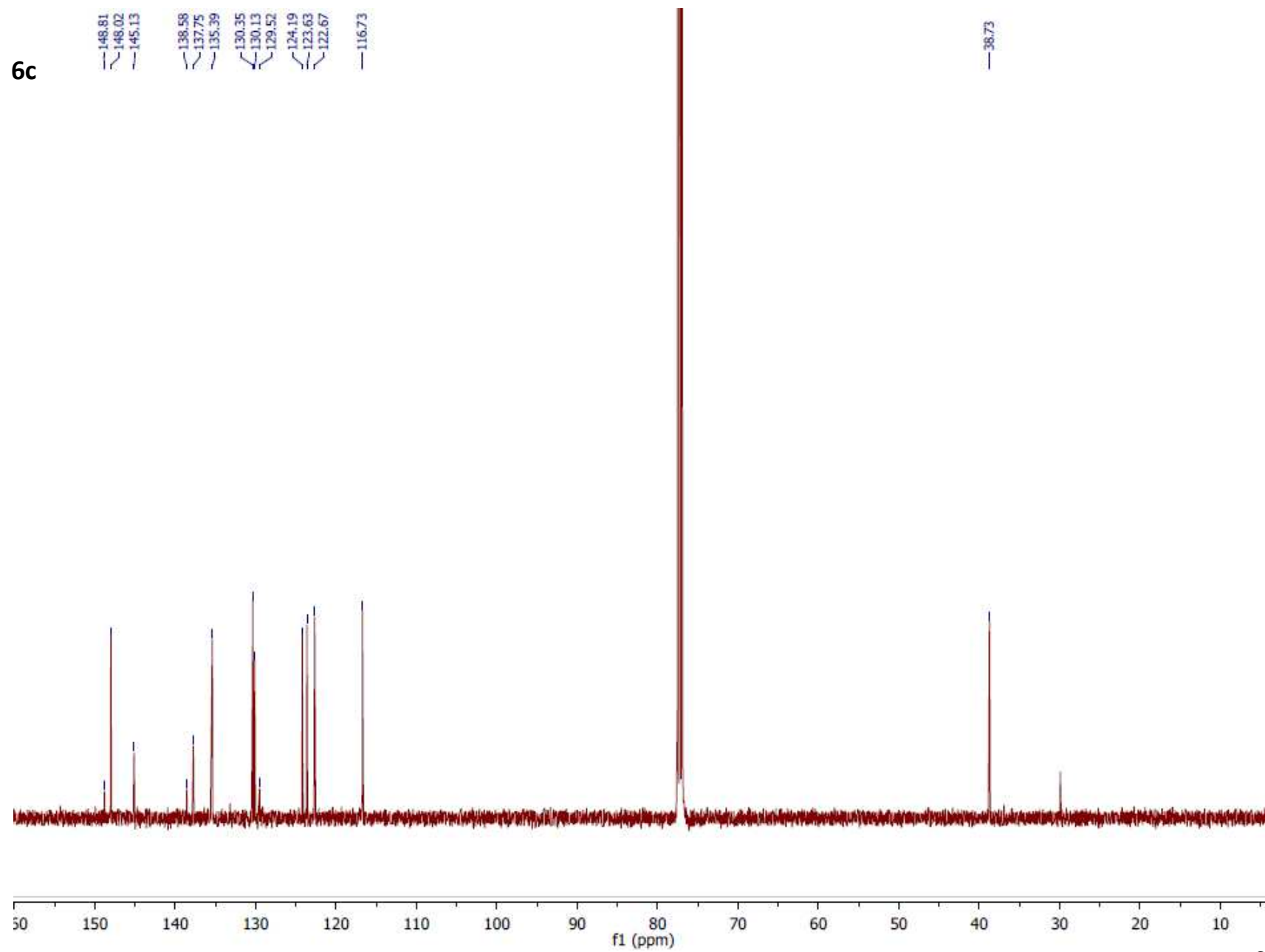
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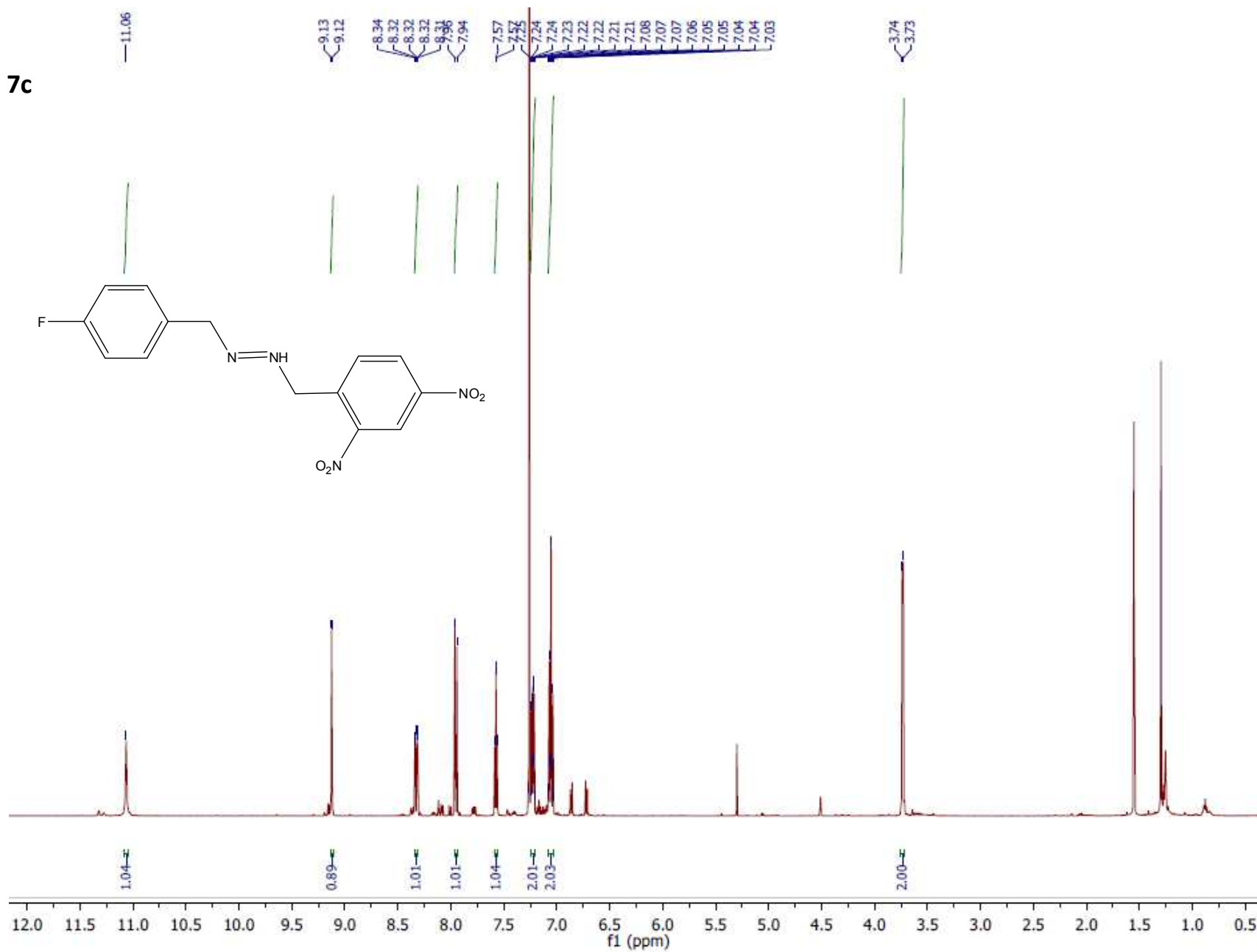
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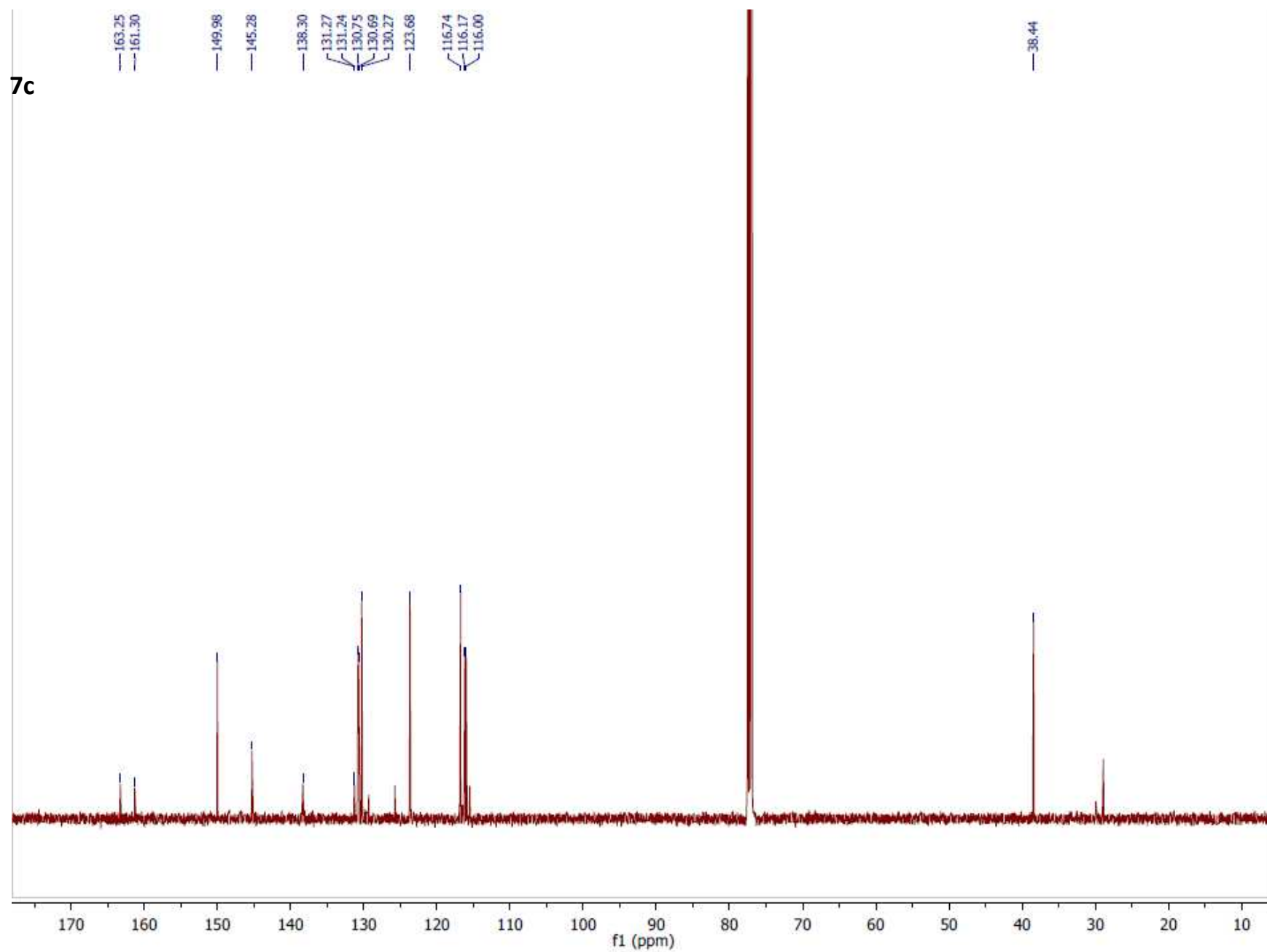
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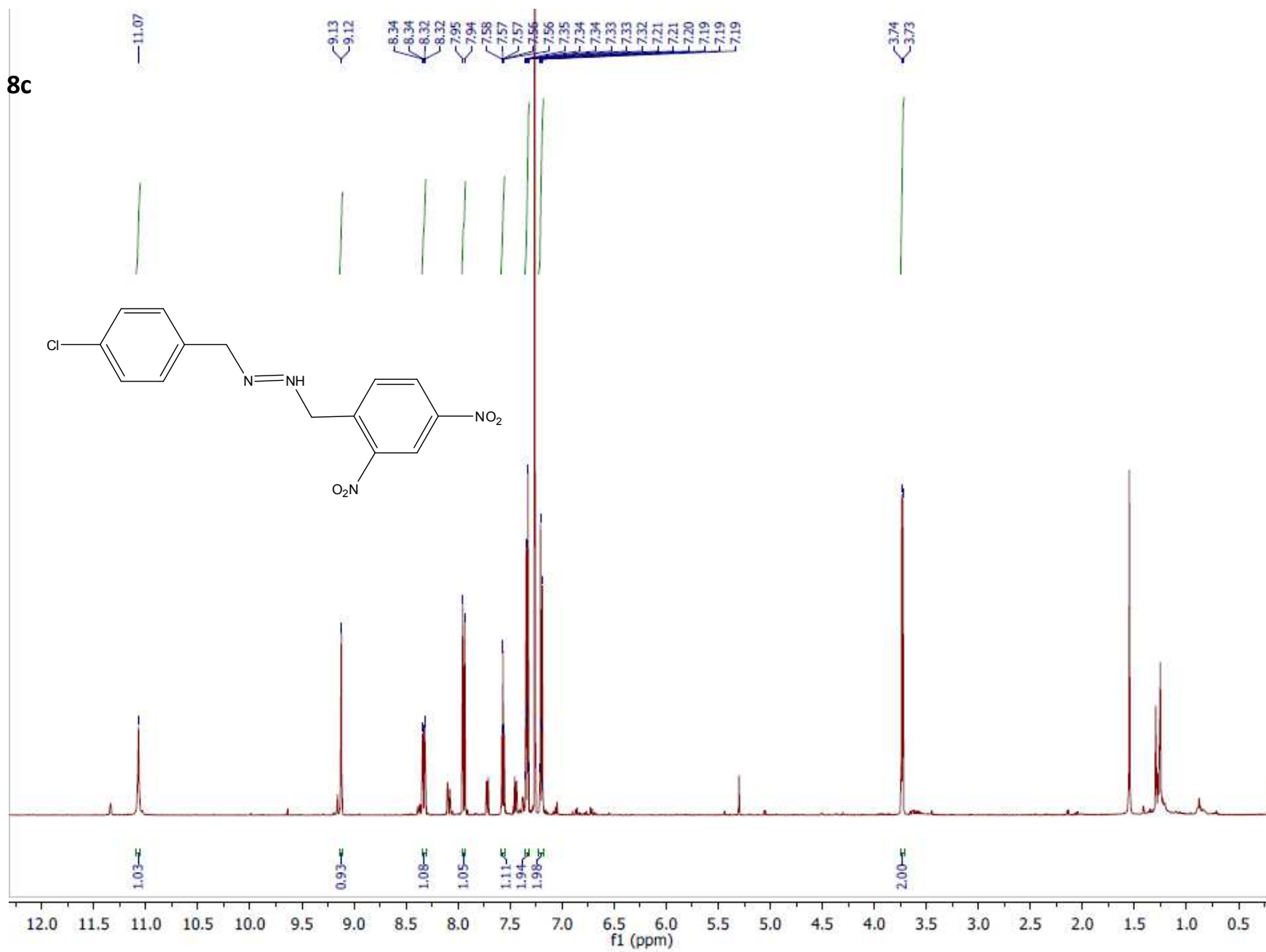
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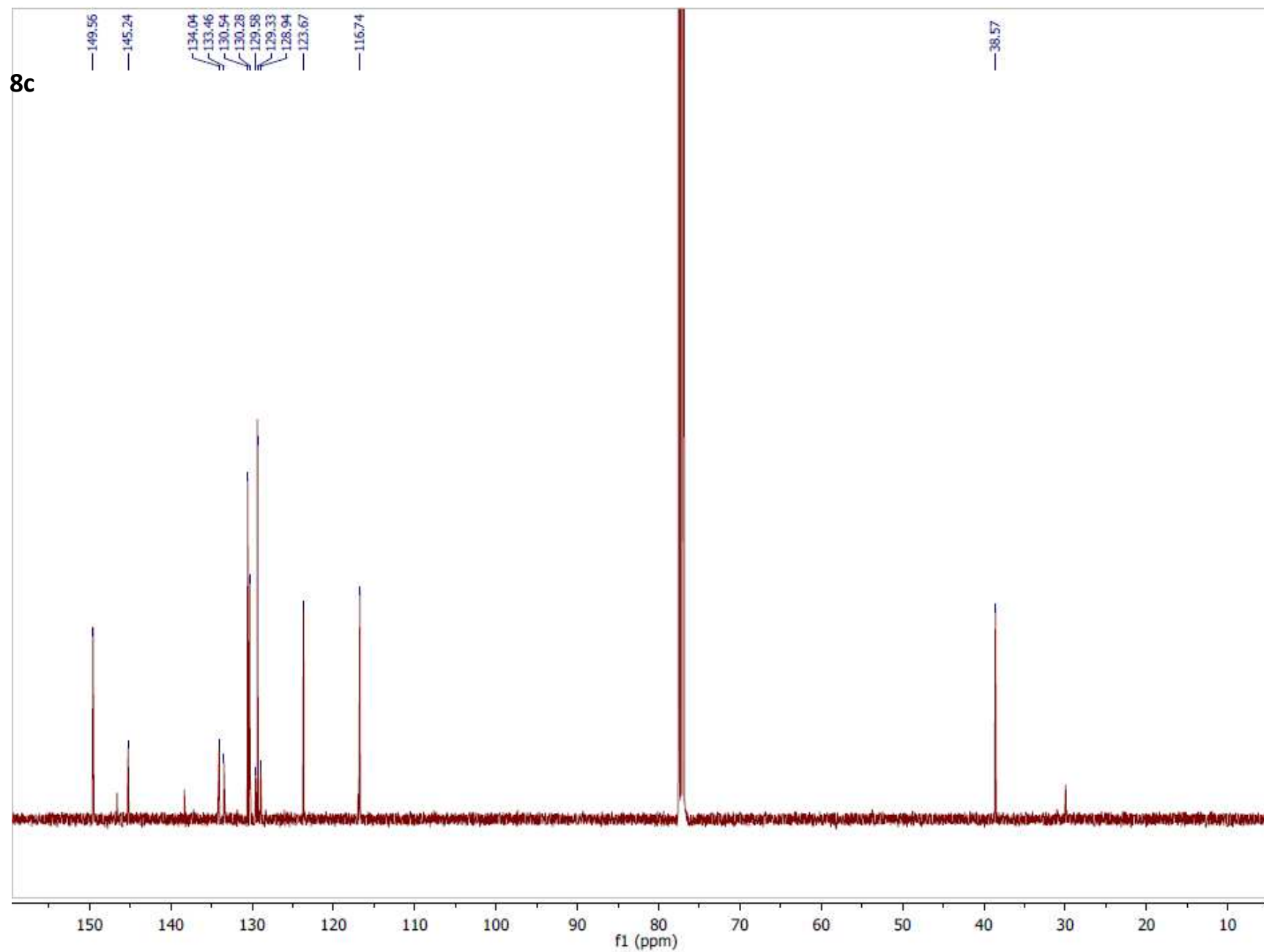


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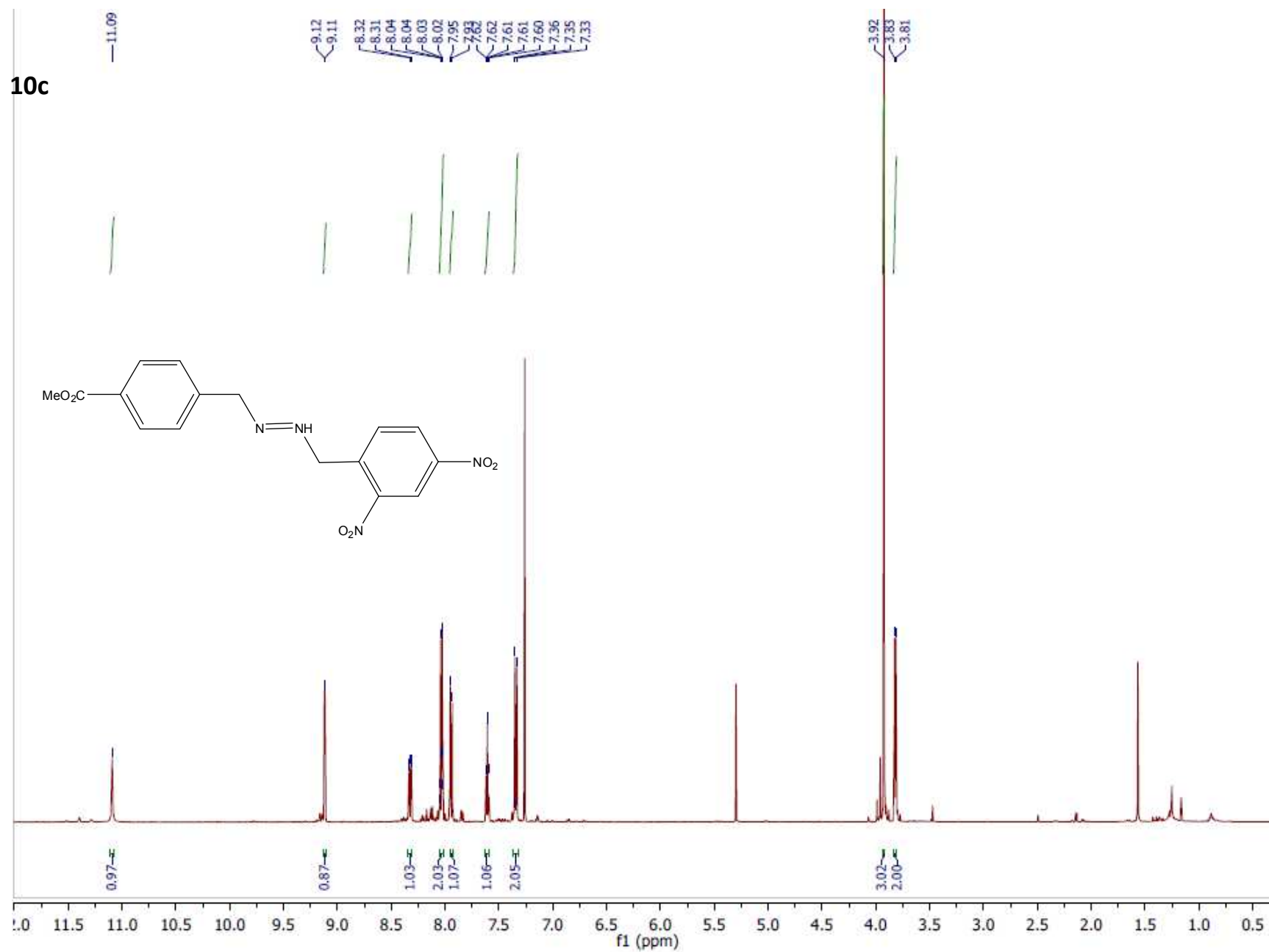


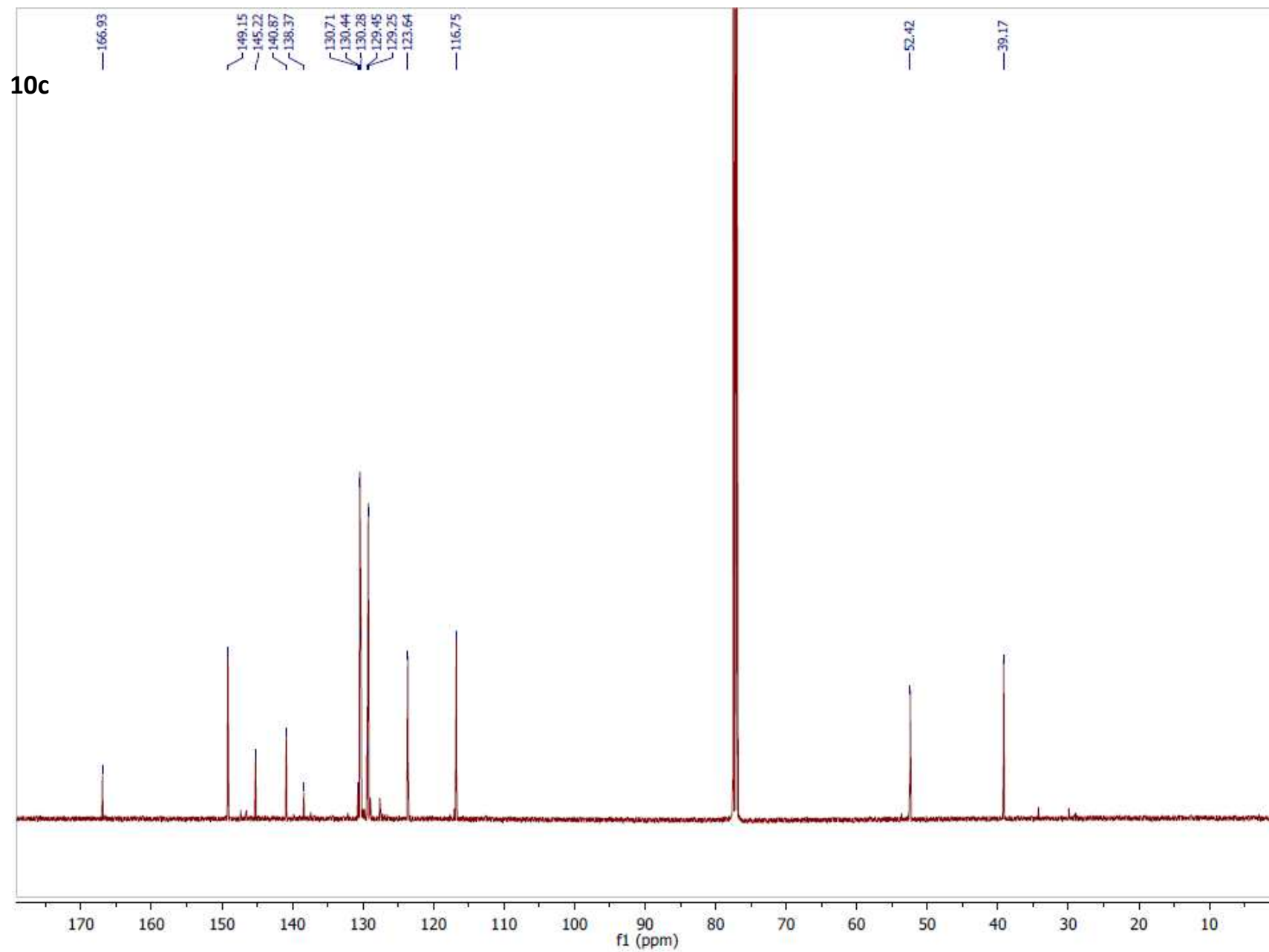
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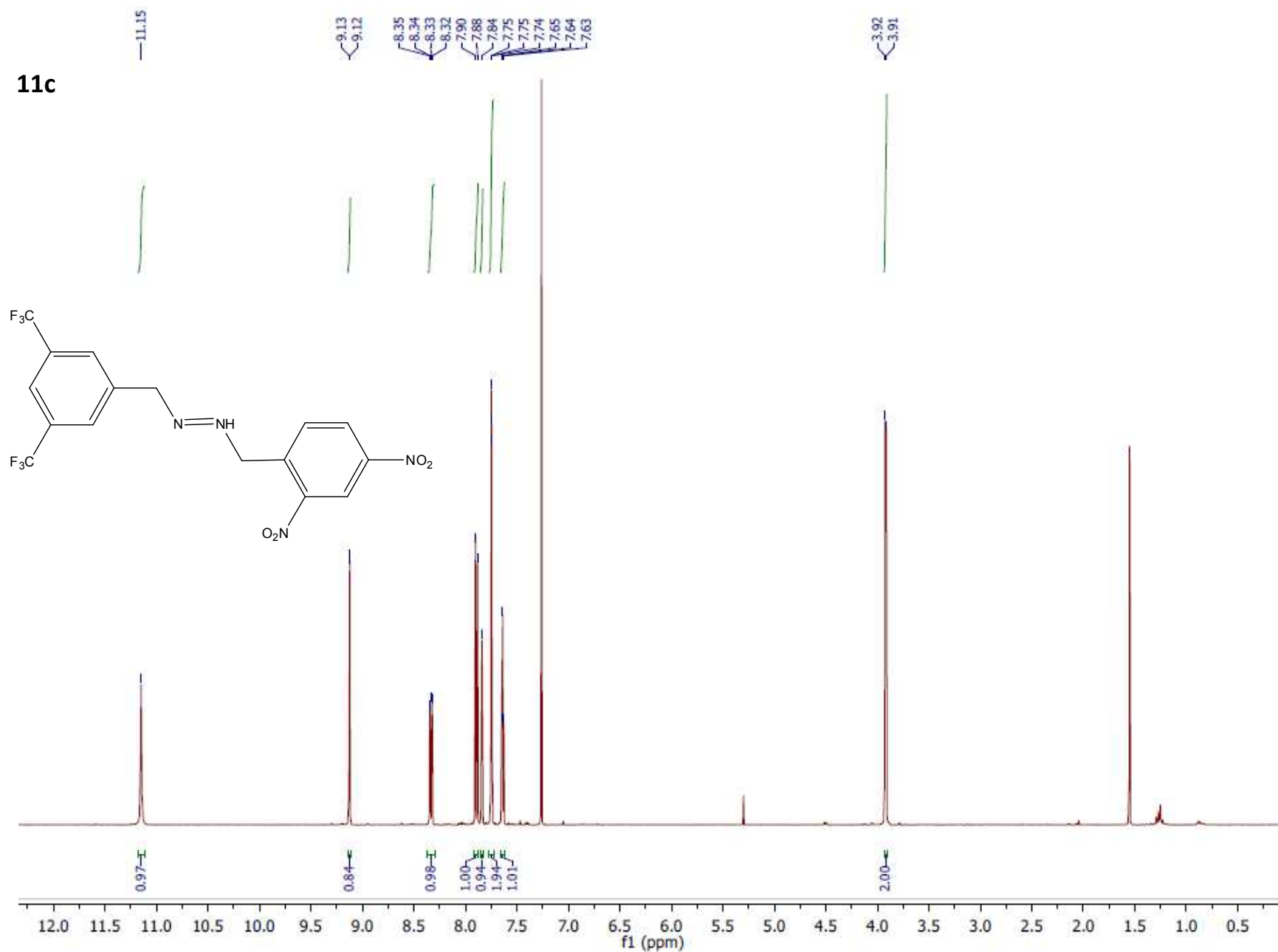


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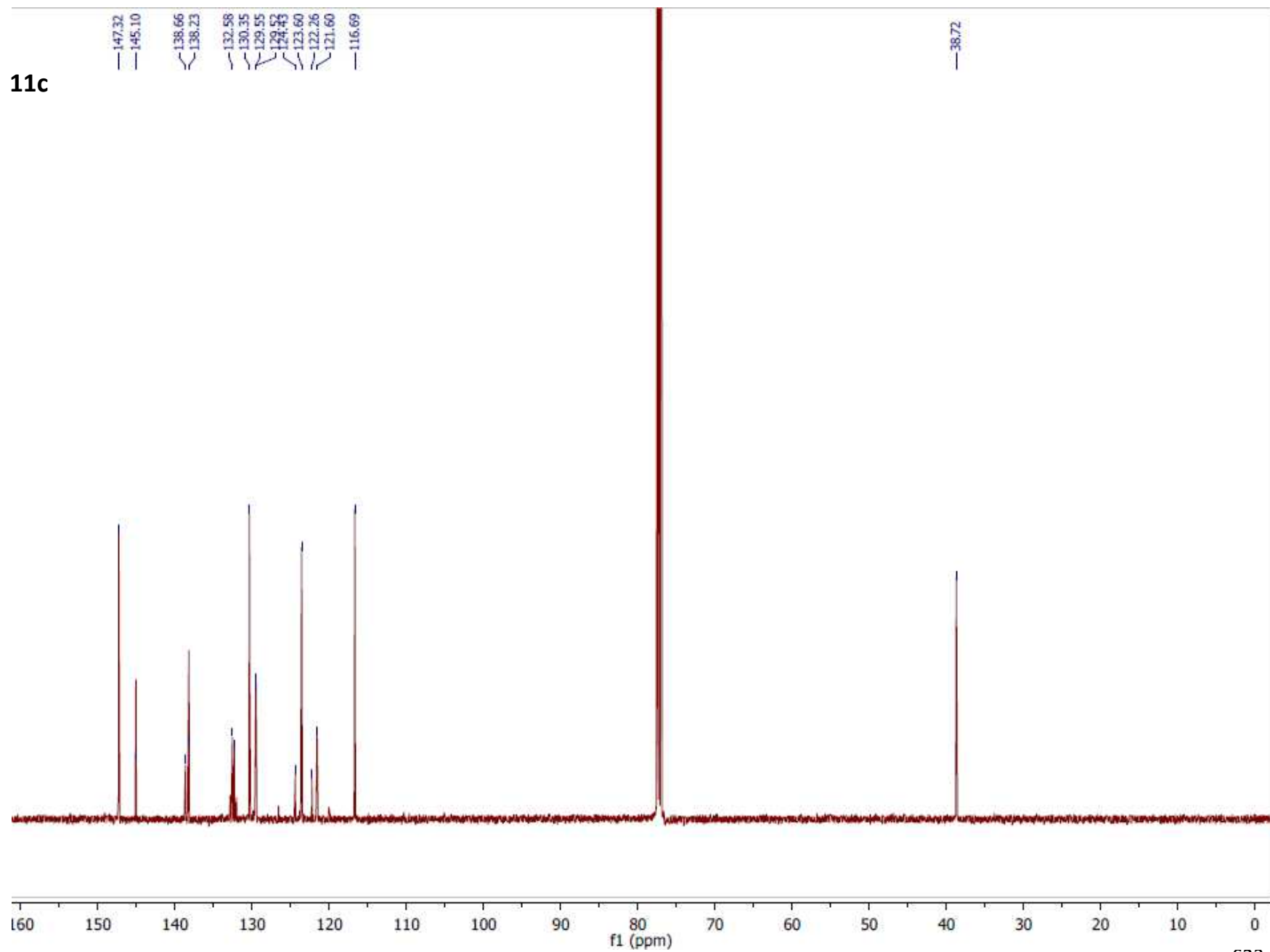




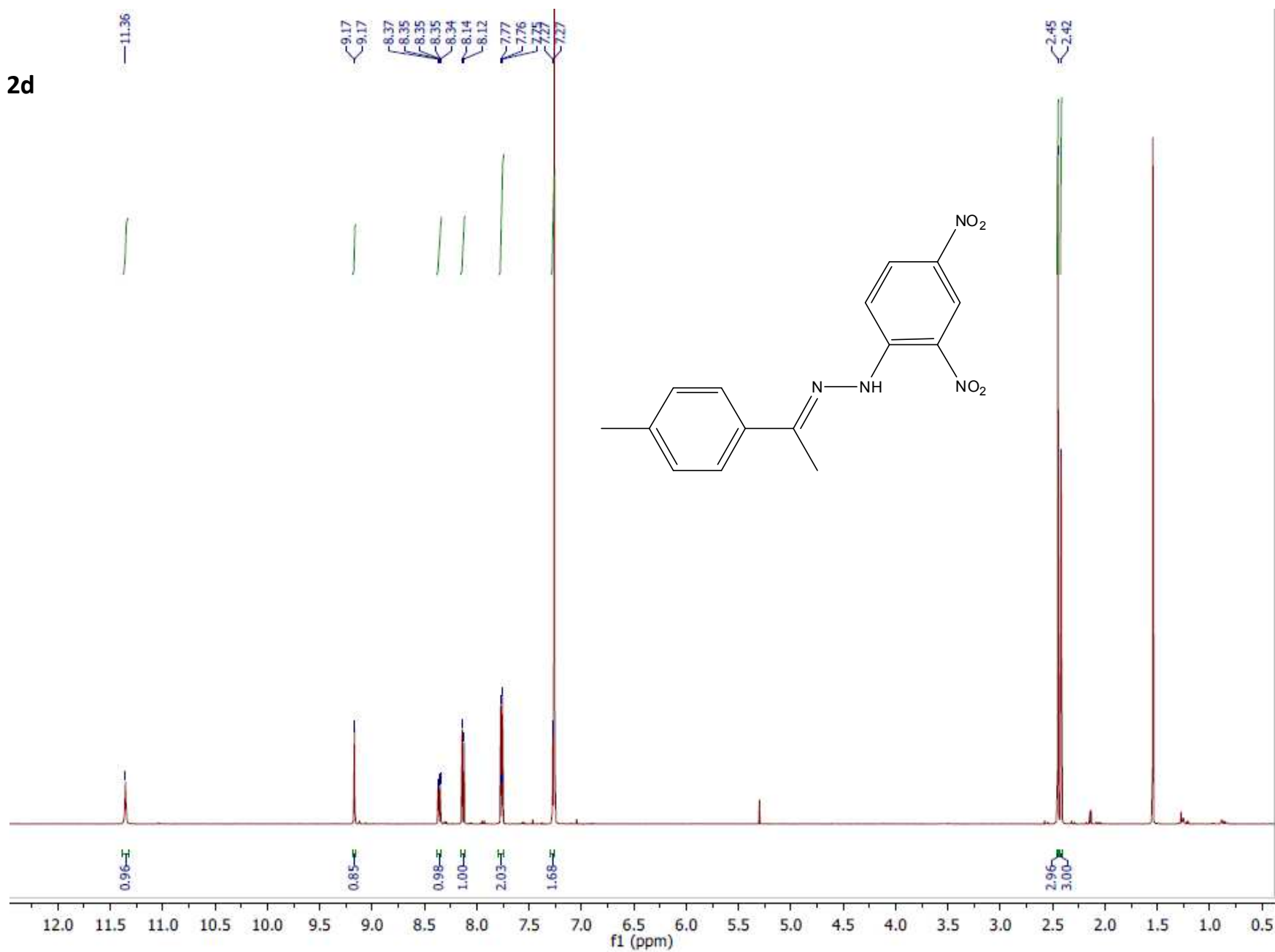
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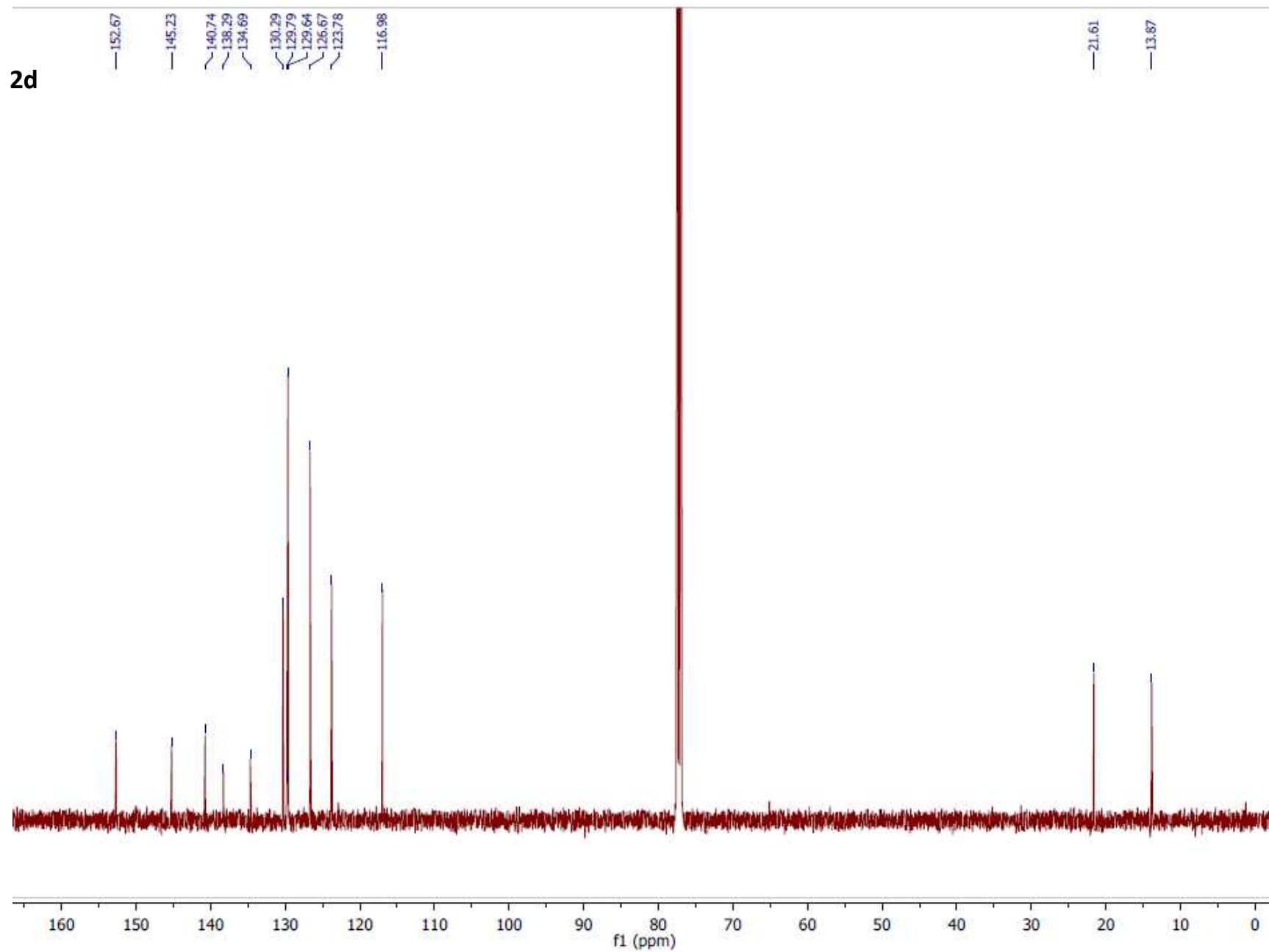


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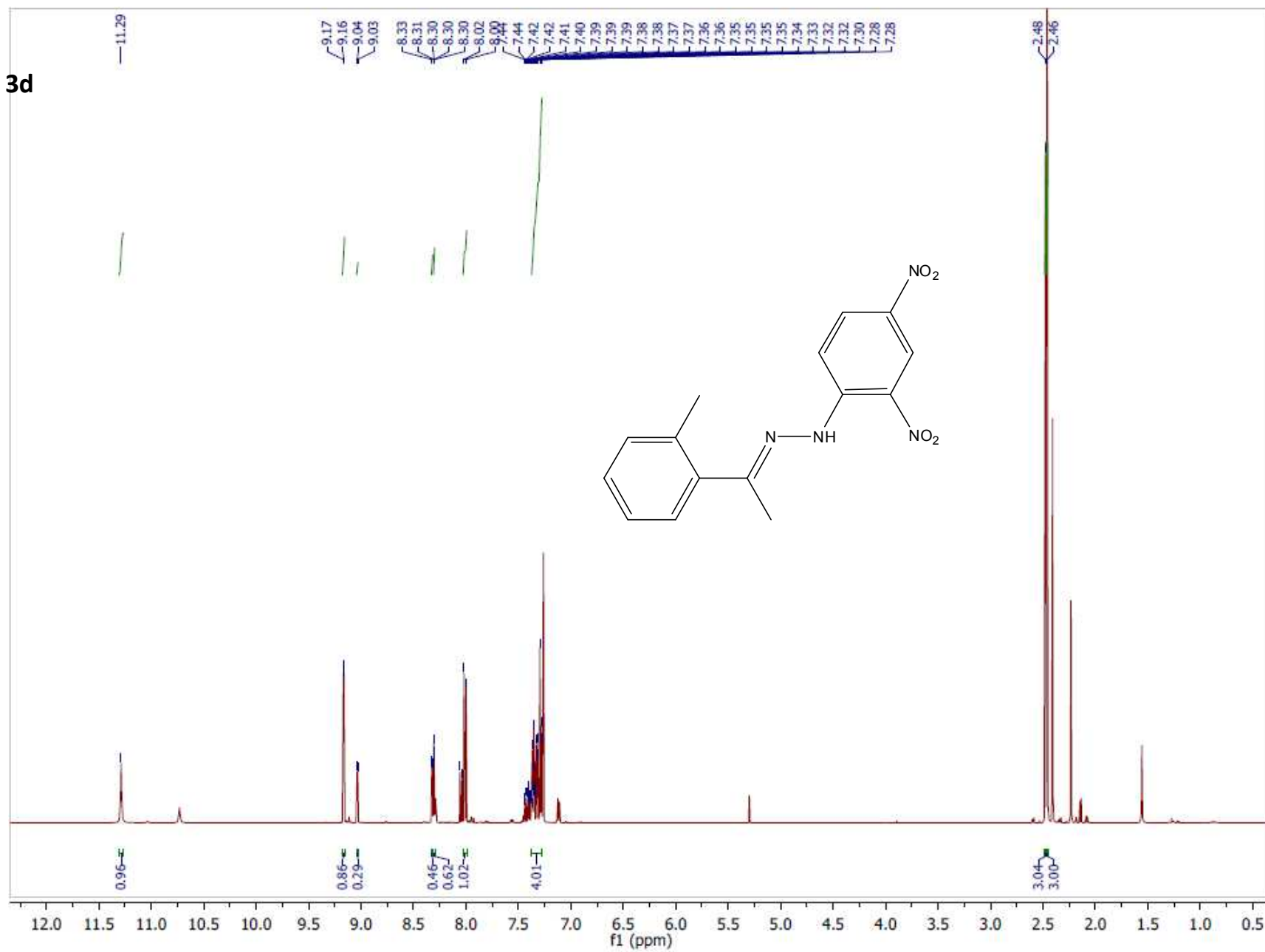


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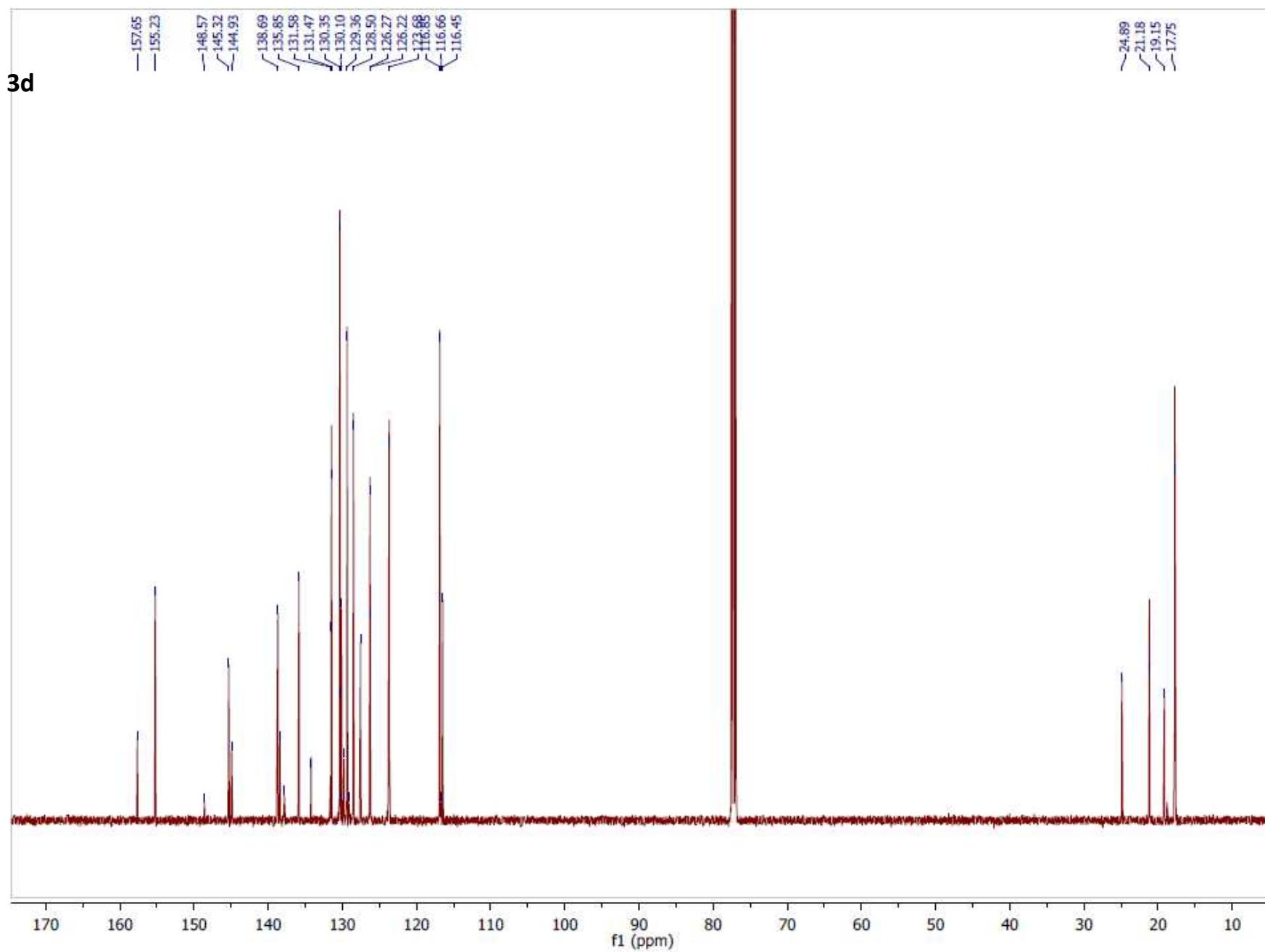




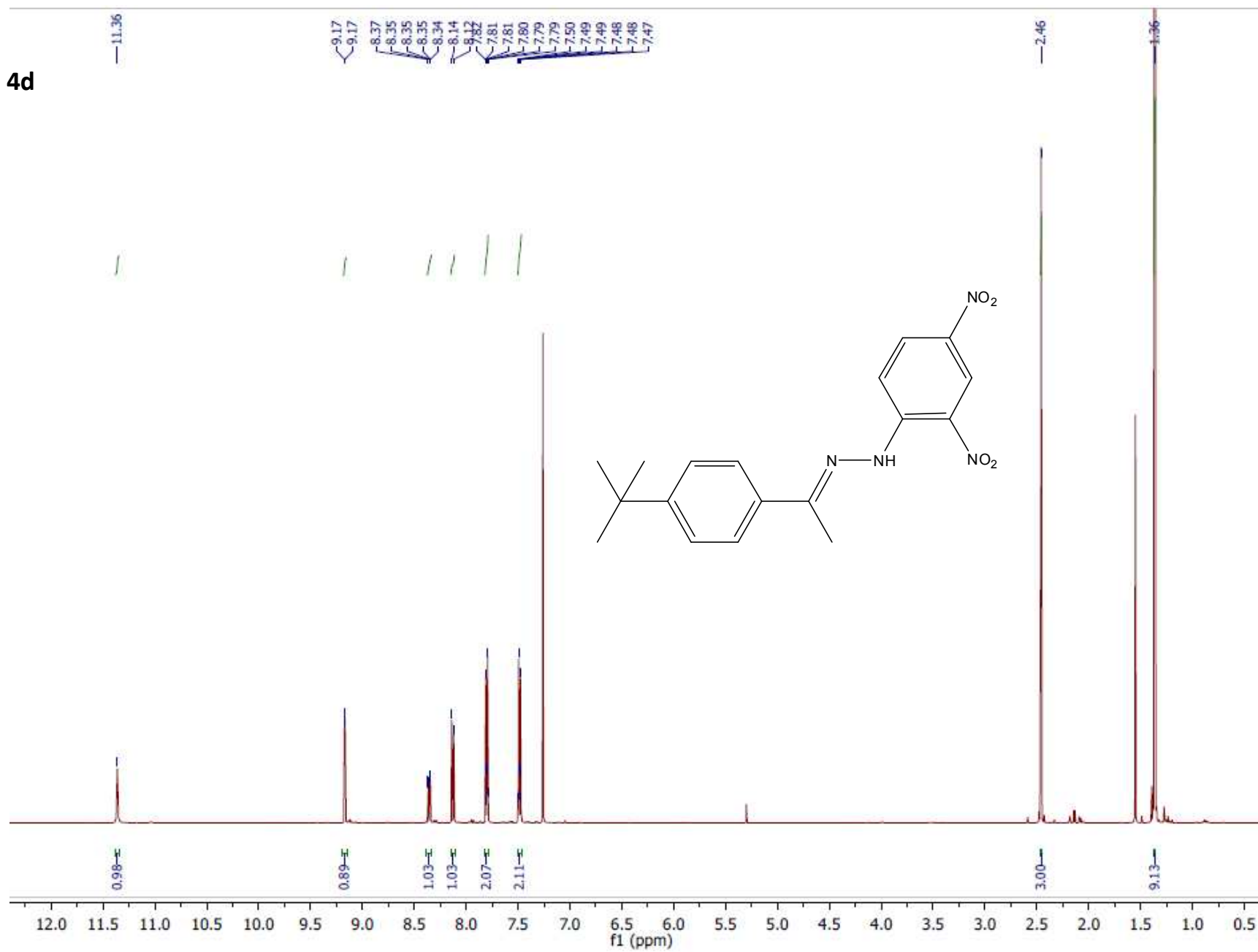
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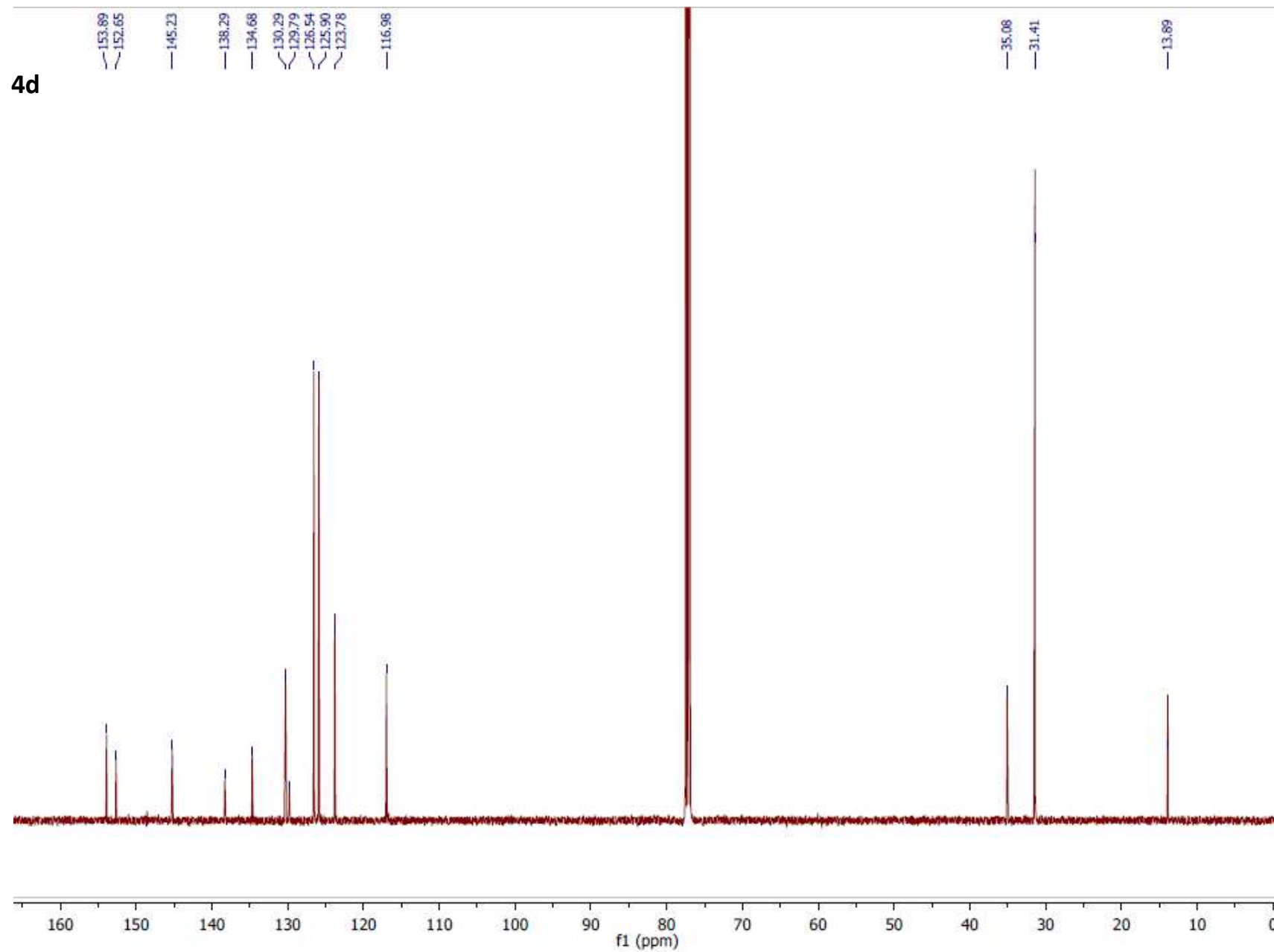


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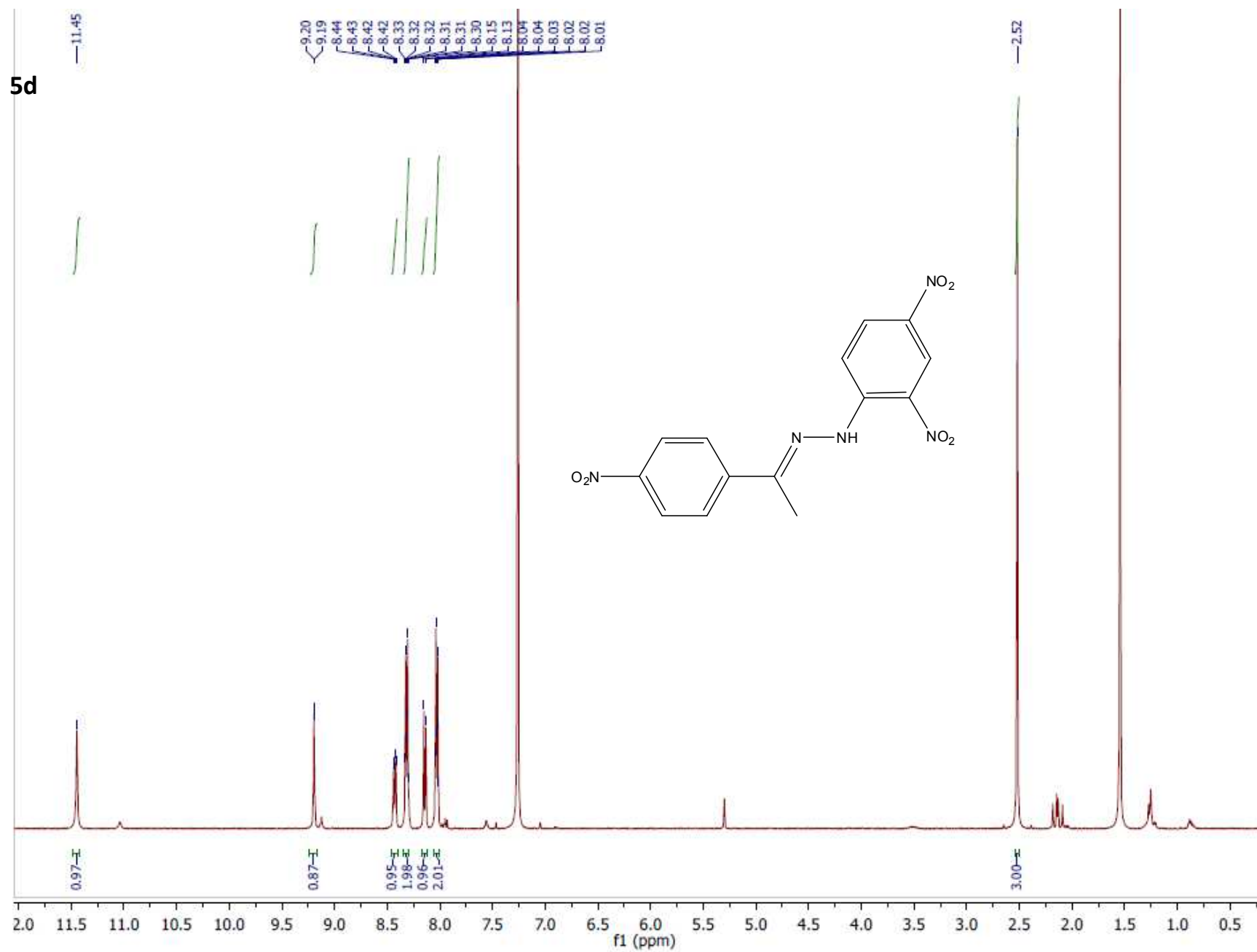


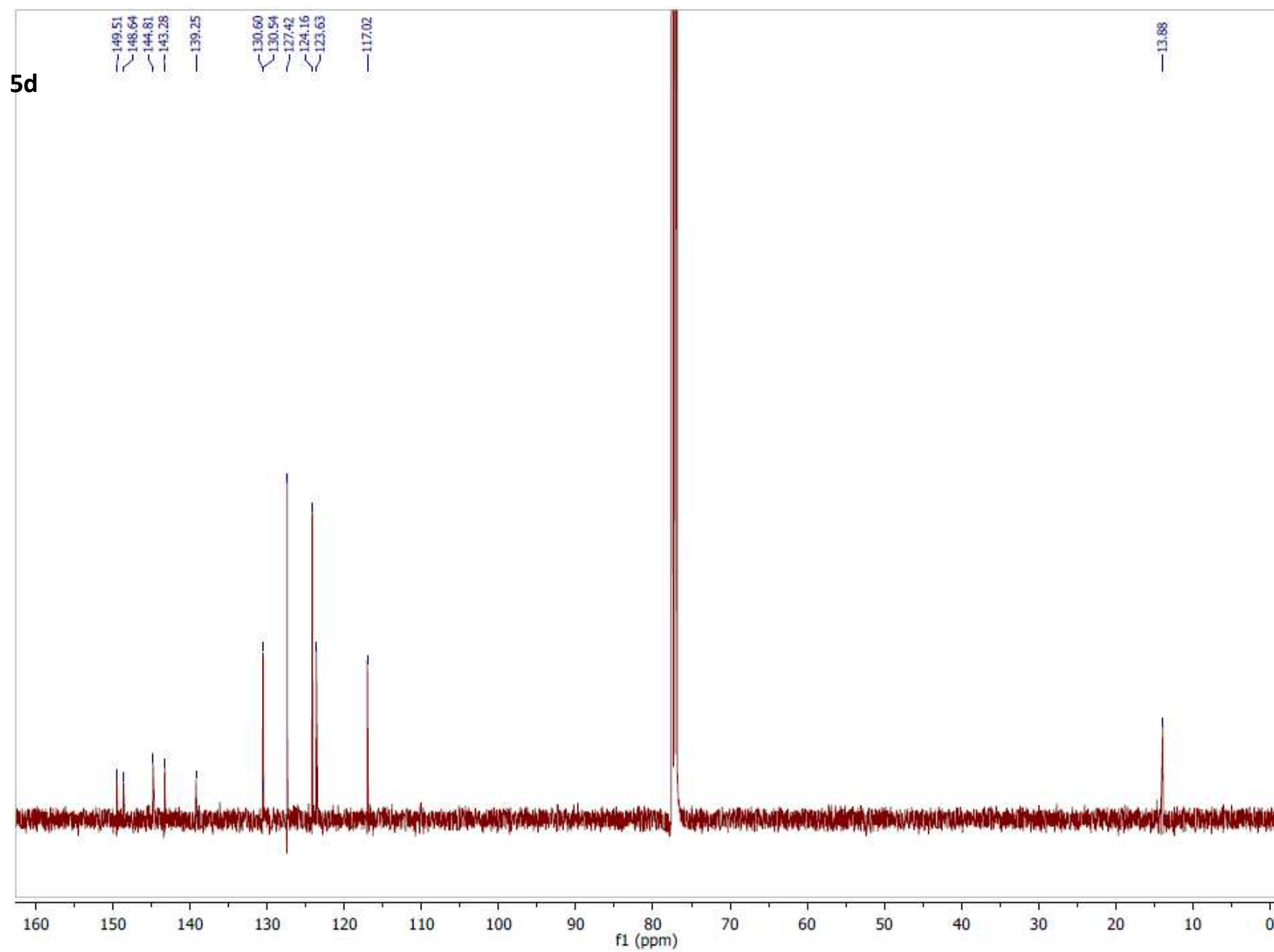
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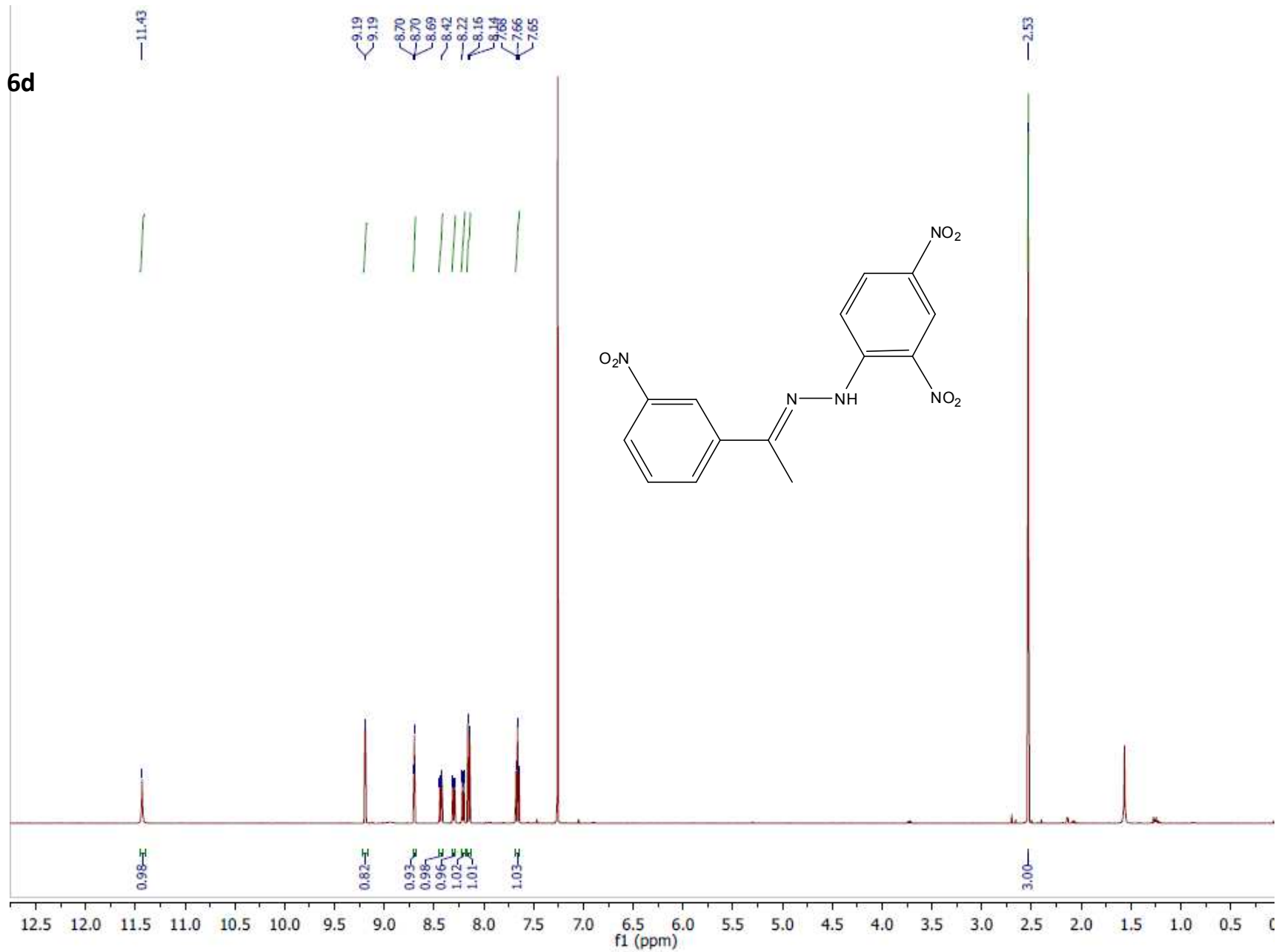


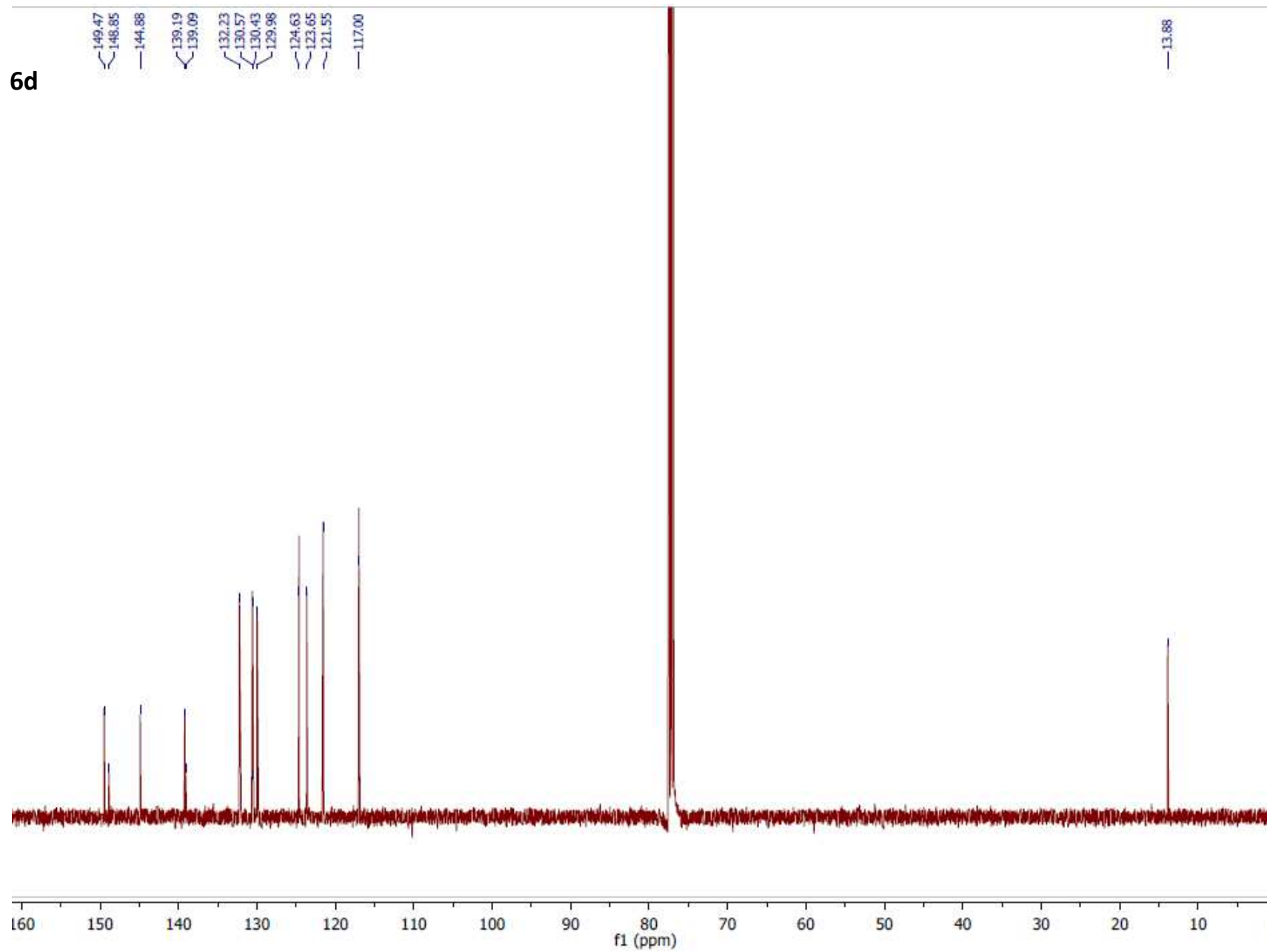
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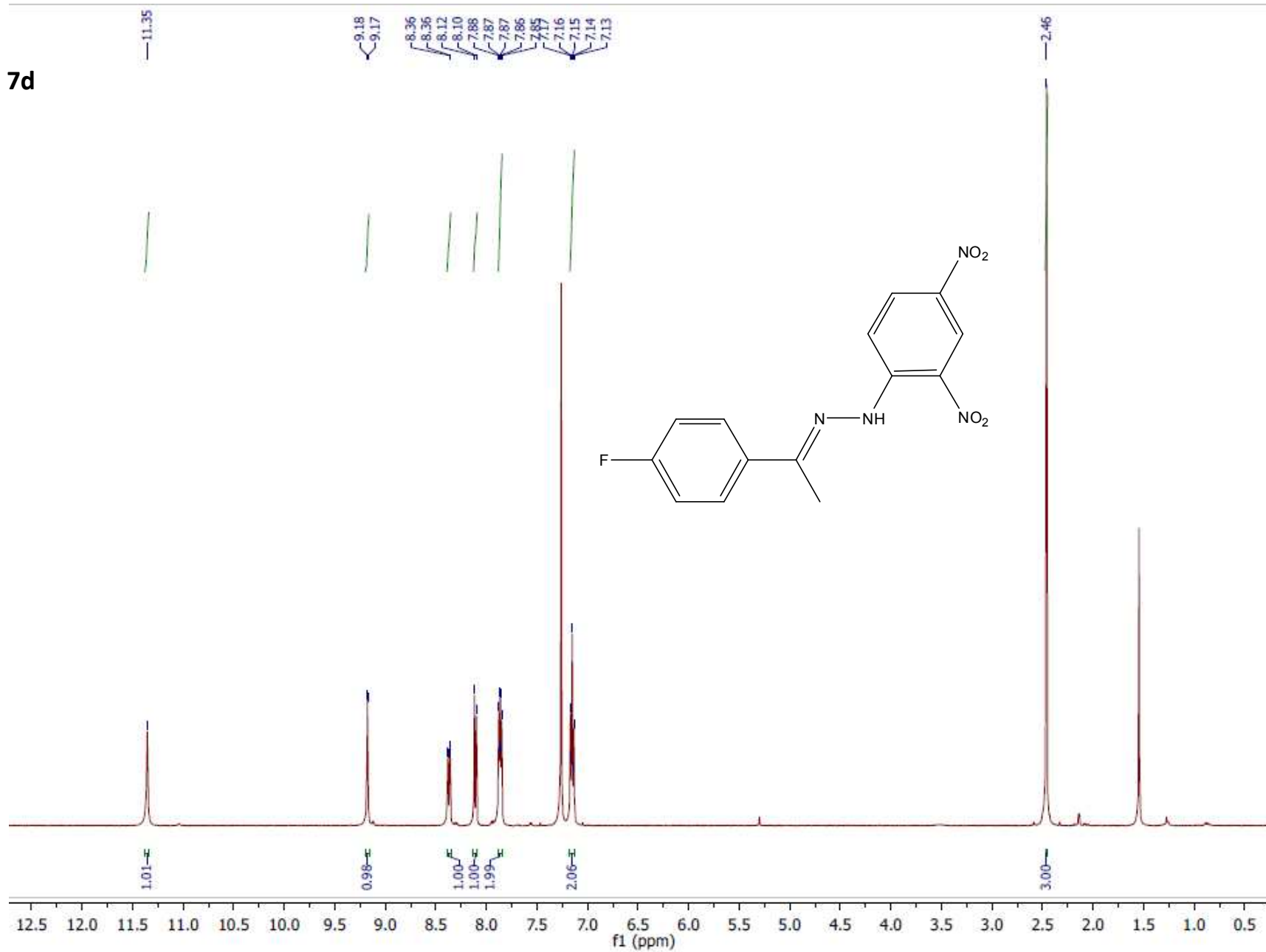


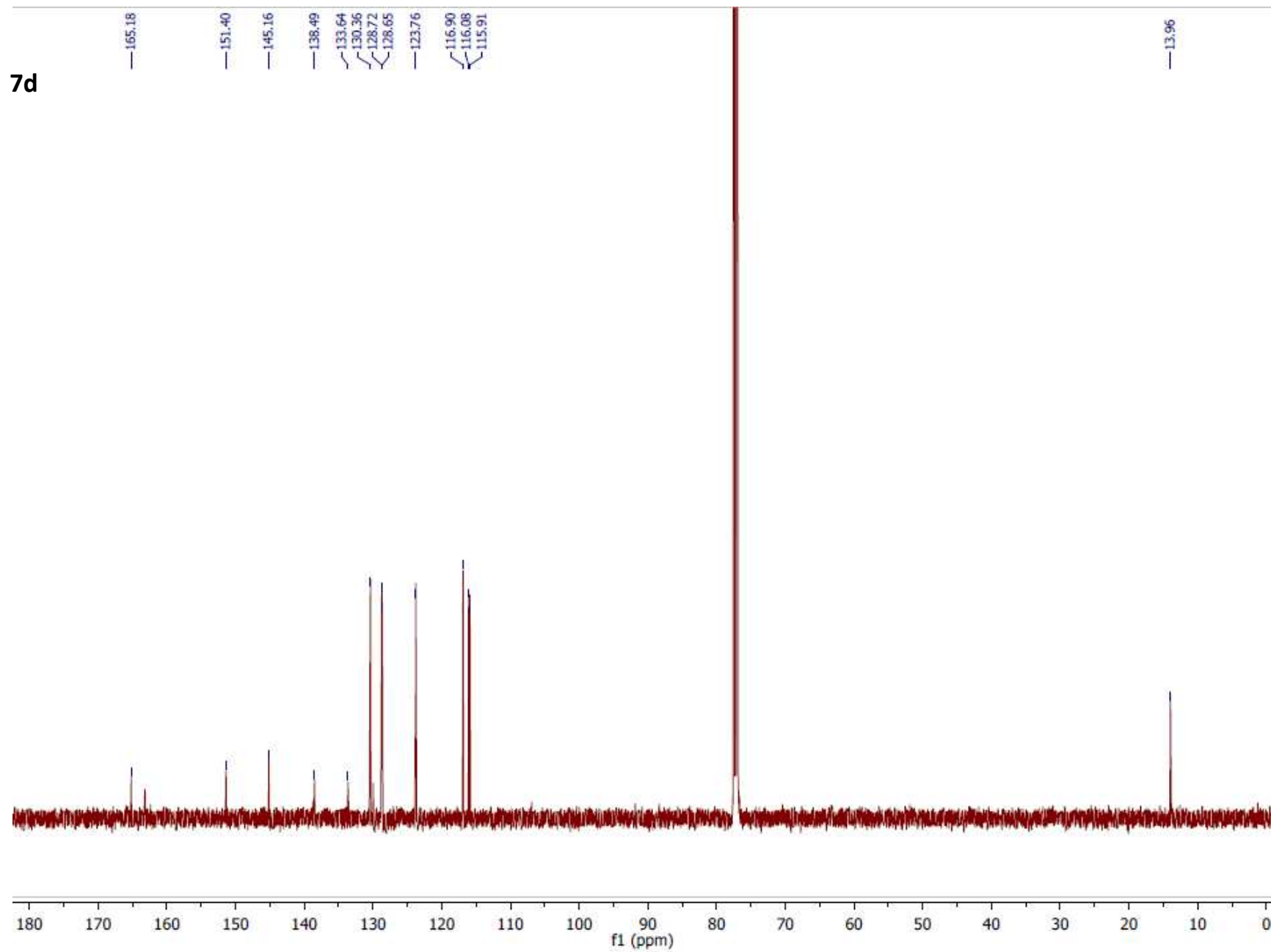
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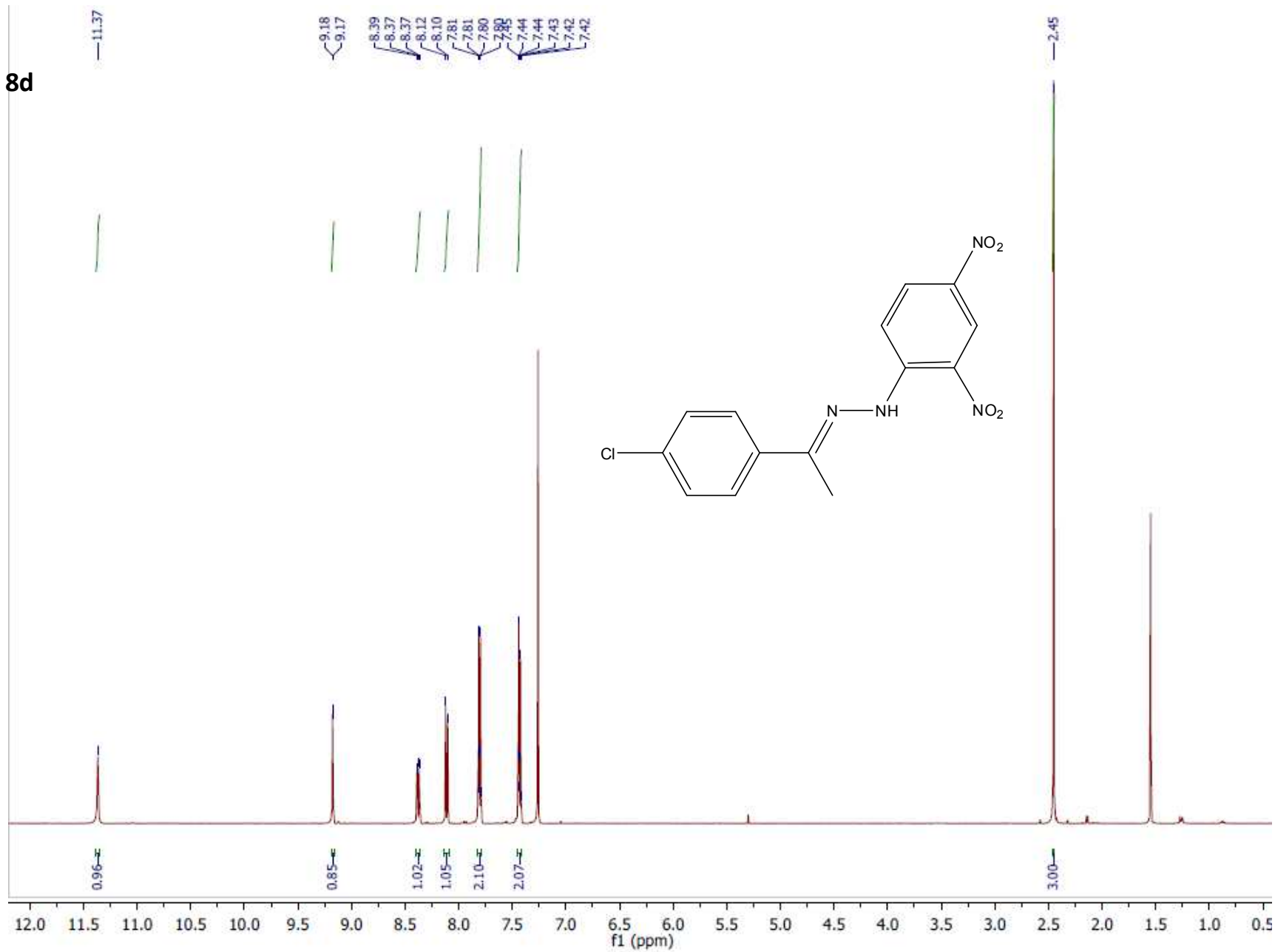


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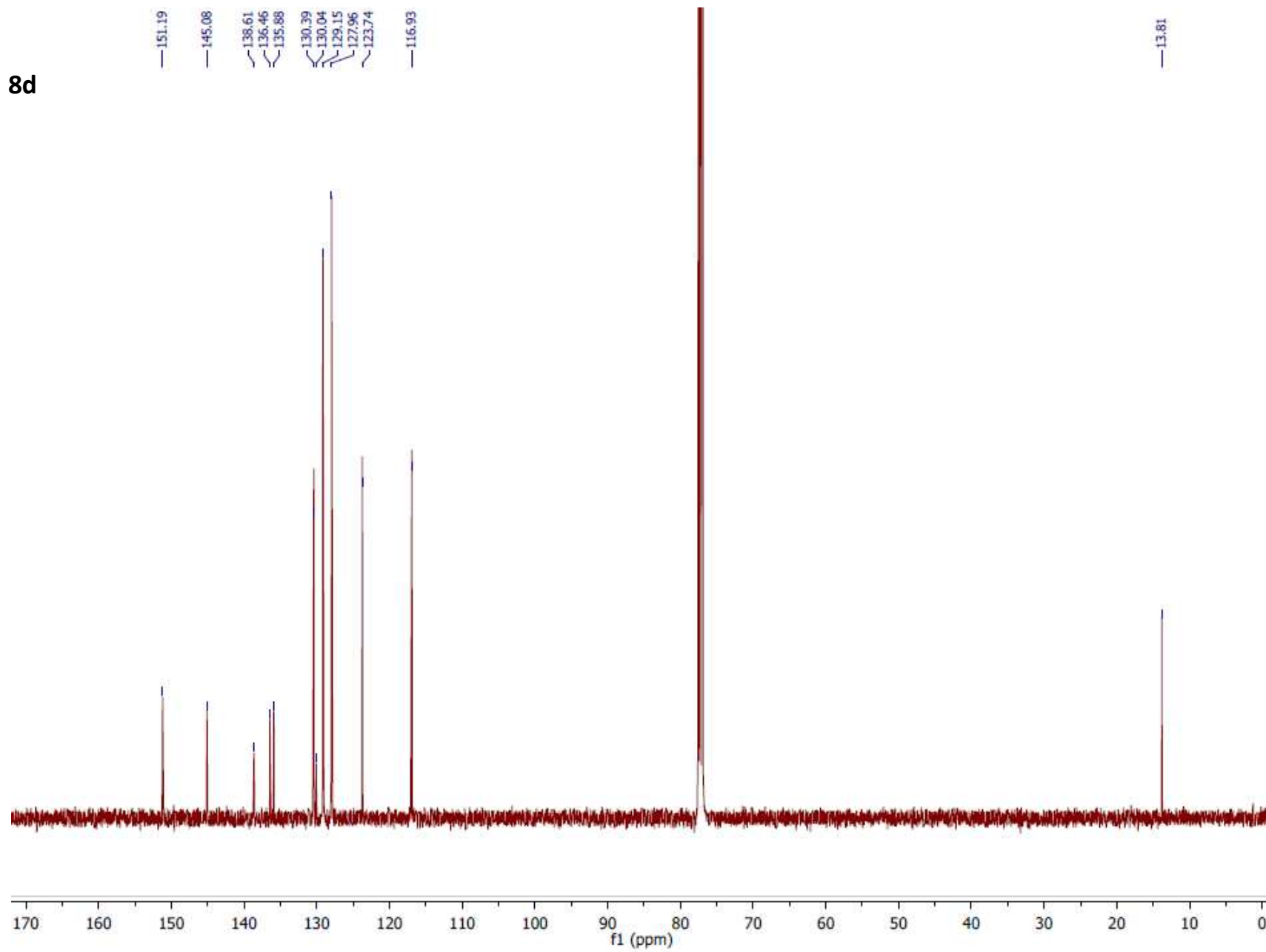




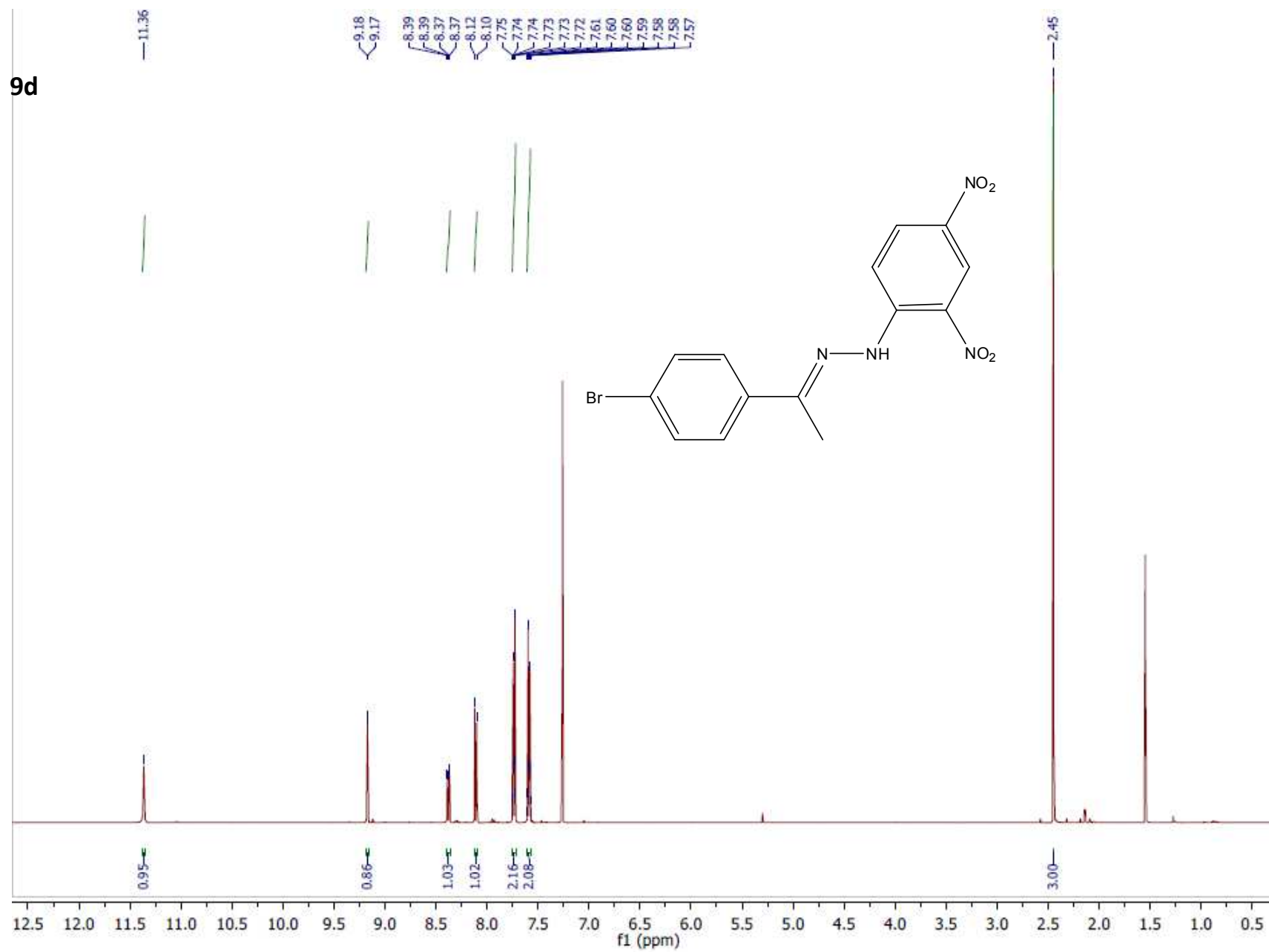
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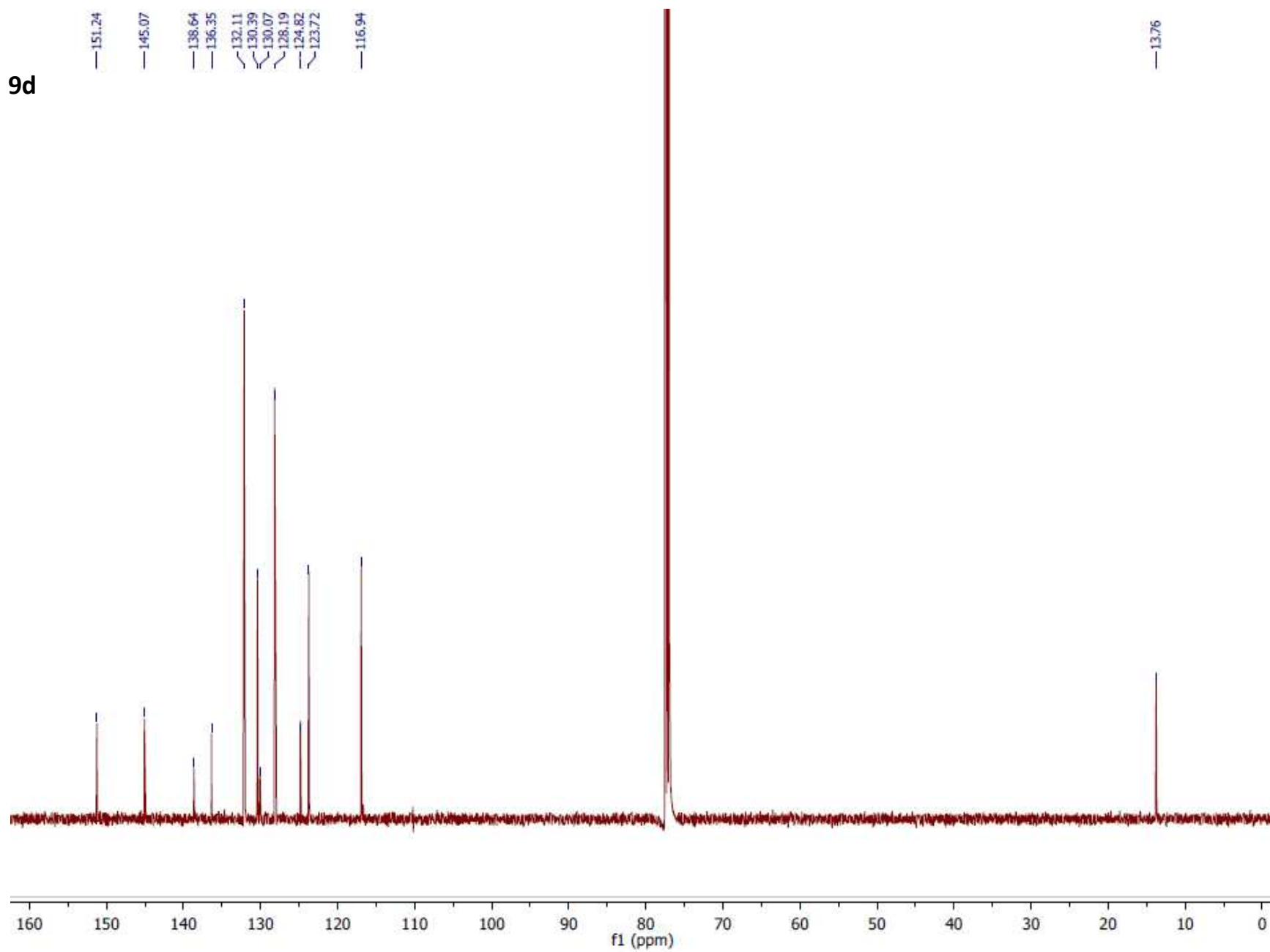
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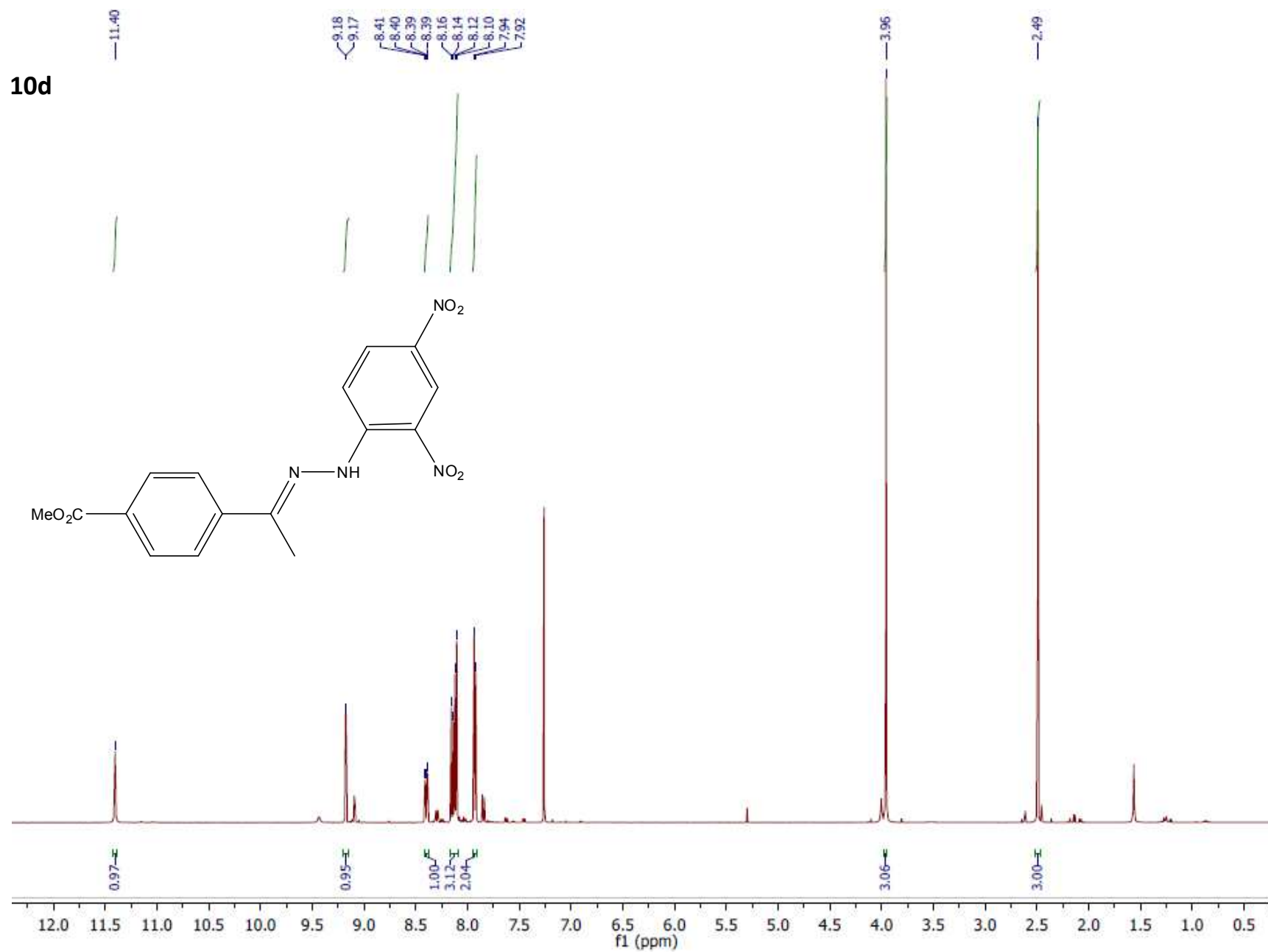
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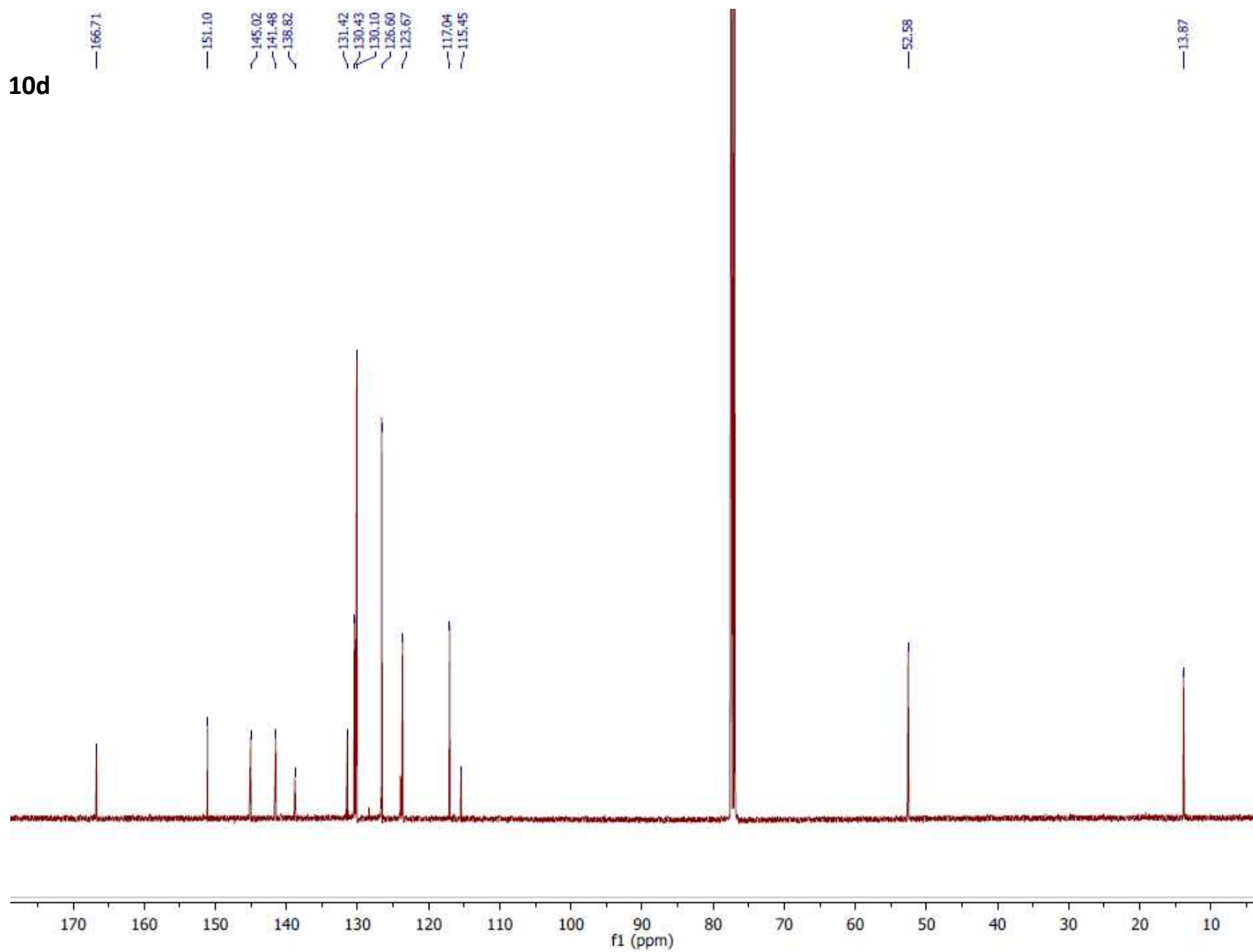
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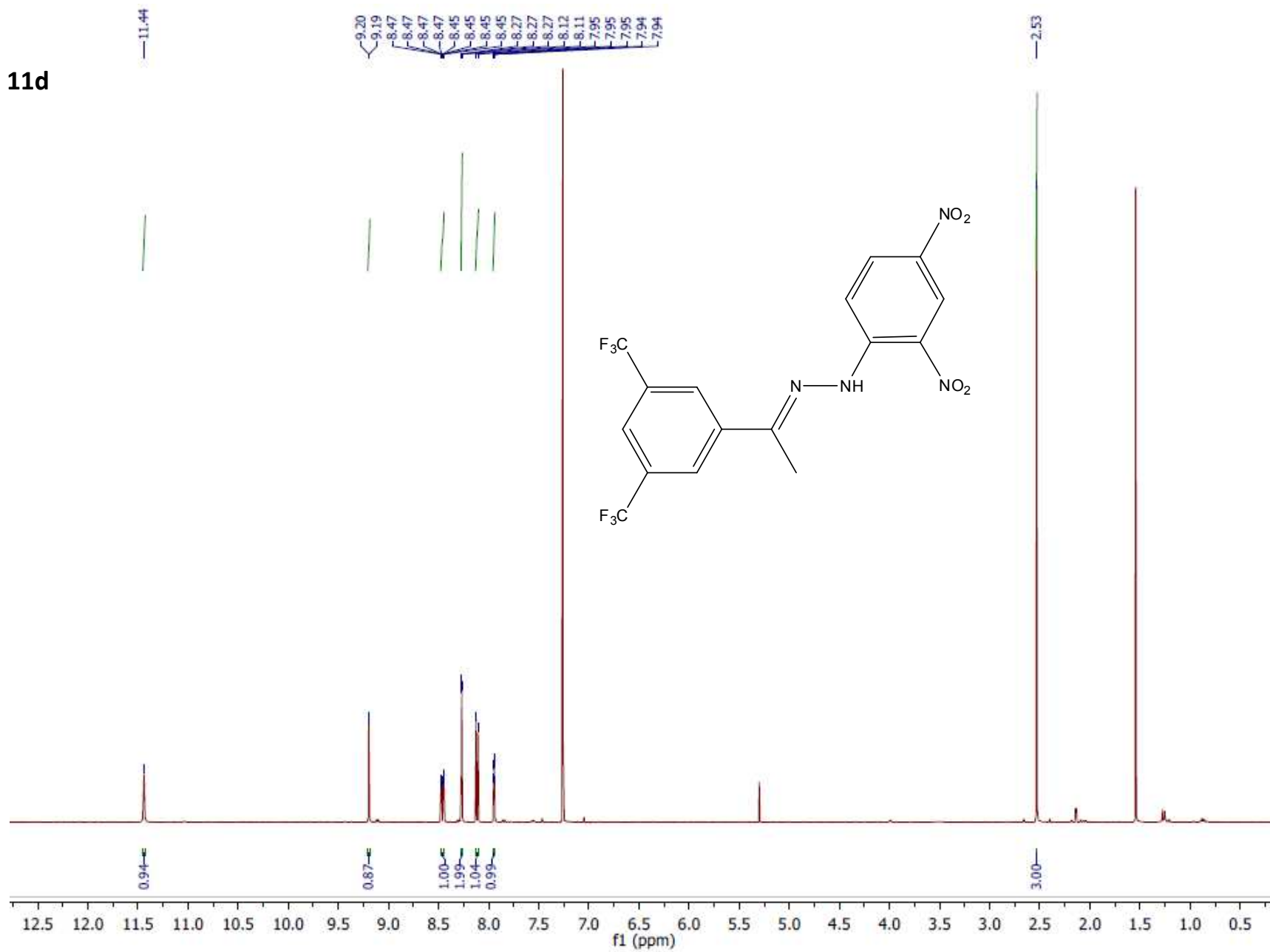
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